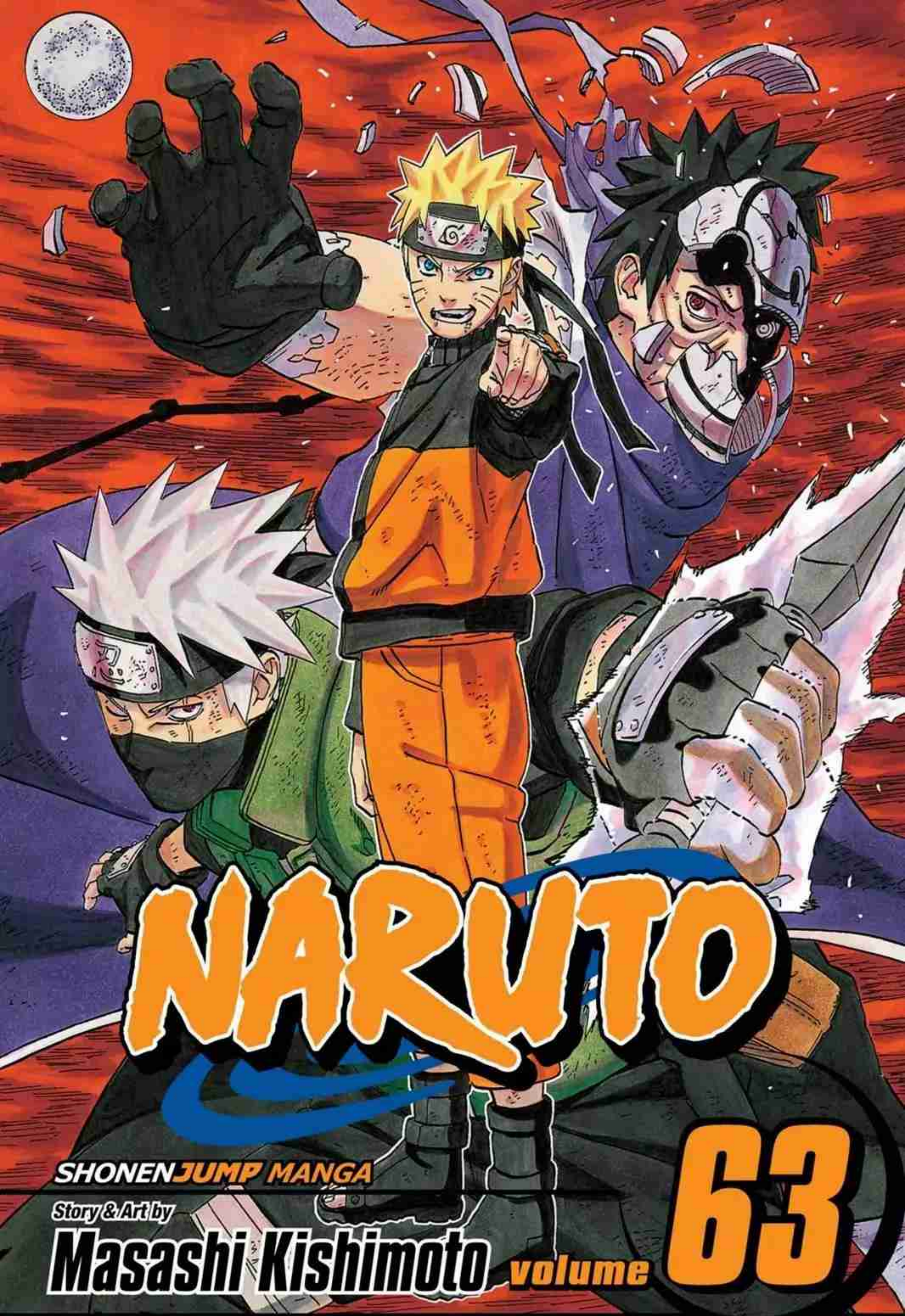
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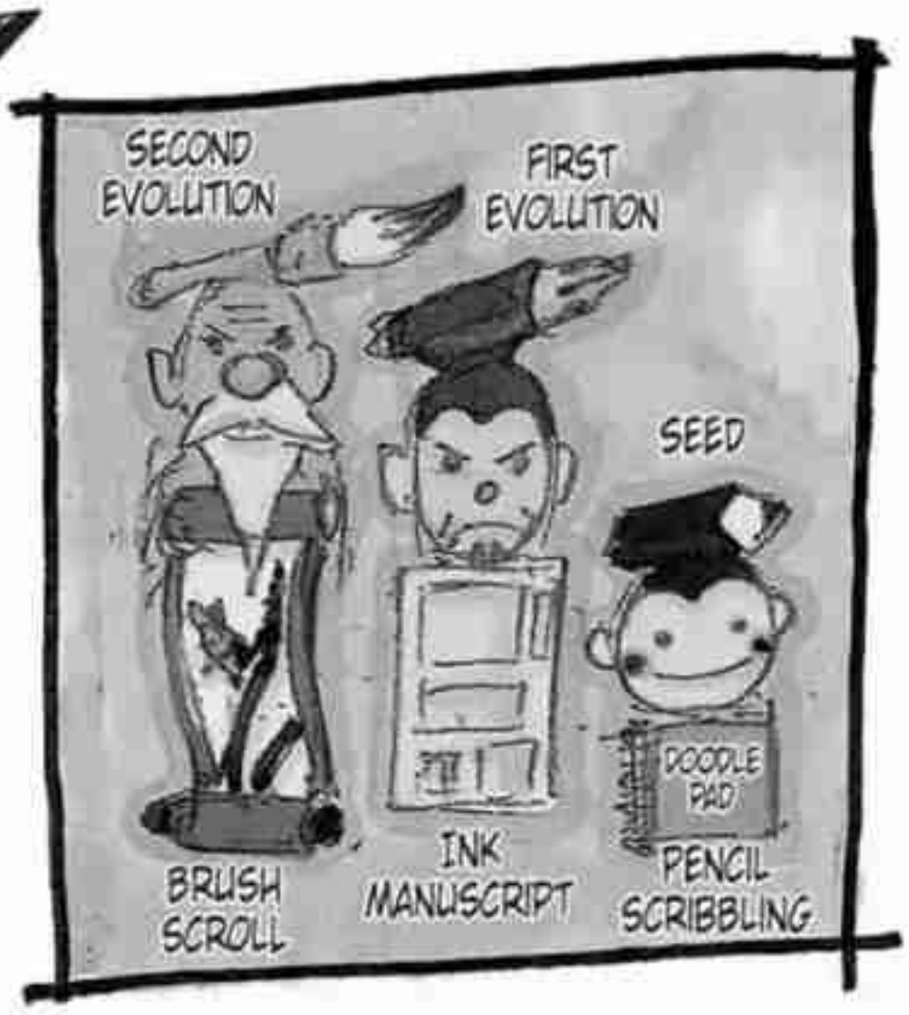

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It's really hitting me these days, that I've aged...
No matter how much I sleep, I'm still tired and my eyes are blurry. Yet I can't sleep for very long.
I recall writing here before that I was starting to become an old man, but I've already completed my first evolution and am now in the middle of my second evolution from old man to geezer! Pokémon evolve and get stronger, but humans just get weaker!
But I'm gonna keep drawing manga!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2012

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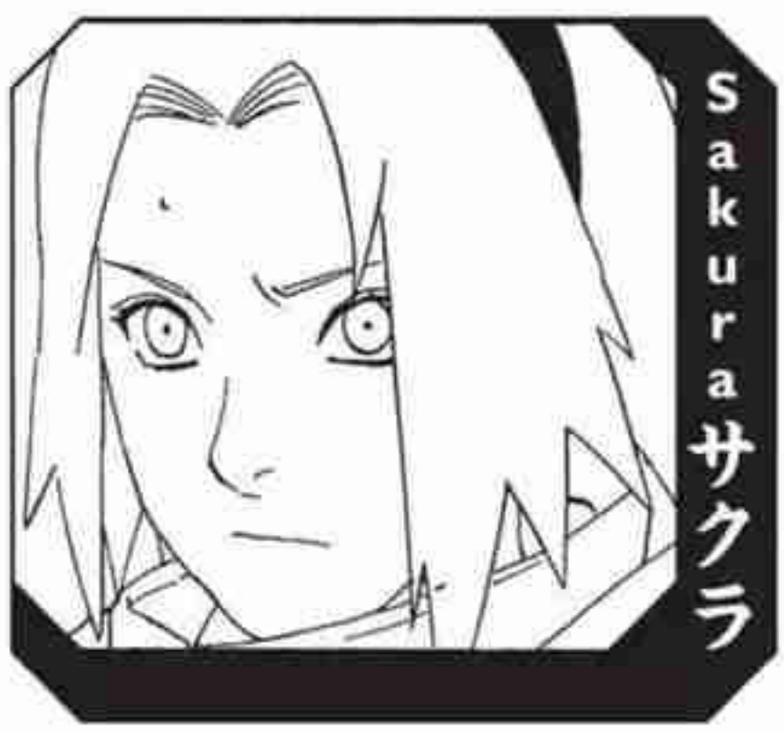
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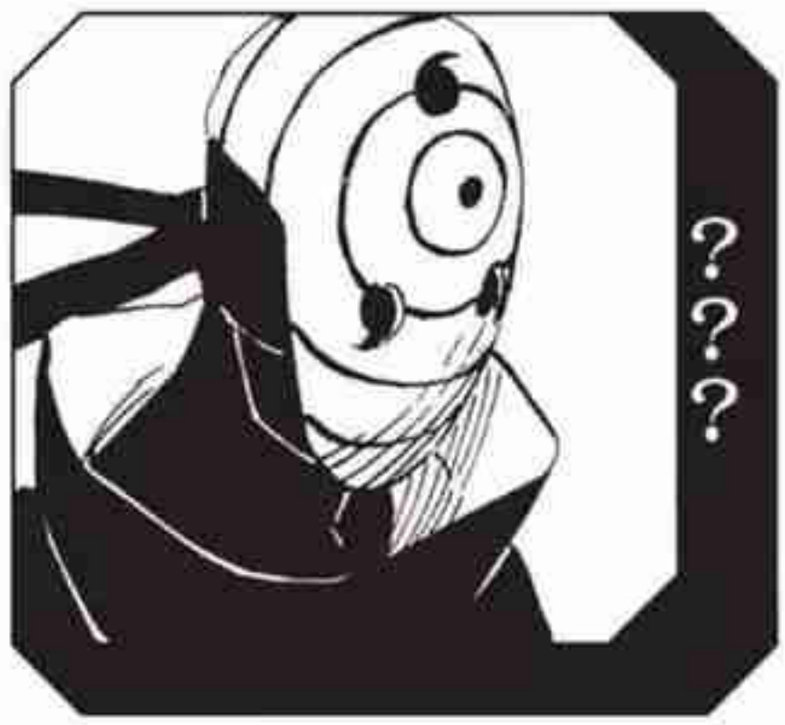
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THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. The Five Shadows seem powerless against the revived Madara's power. Meanwhile, Sasuke and Itachi confront Kabuto, who is dragging the battlefield into a vortex of chaos. Having surmounted their past differences, will the brothers' united front finally succeed in stopping Kabuto?!

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Number 598: Demolition!!

ZWOOO

!!

...!

SWOO...

KAKASHI! WE OUGHT TO...

!!

THAT MAN... HE COULDN'T BE...

...

NO... THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY...
...SHI...
...KASHI...

...
WE NEED TO JOIN IN!!
G-

THE MORE DIVERSIONS THE BETTER WHEN ATTACKING HIM!!
ARE YOU LISTENING ?!!

!!
KAKASHI !!
FLINCH

I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHAT YOU'RE THINKING RIGHT NOW!
I FEEL THE SAME...

!!

...

YOUR FORMER SUBORDINATE NARUTO ALREADY JUMPED INTO ACTION!!
BUT LEAVE IT BE FOR NOW! THERE'S NO TIME TO WALLOW IN SENTIMENTALITY!!

HOW FOOLISH. ATTACKING ALL BY YOURSELF.

YO!!
THWOP
POOM
THWOP

D'OH!
GAH!

ZLA
SH

THOOM

...MASTER UBER-BROWS, AND MASTER KAKASHI TOO!!
PLUS OCTOPOPS, EIGHT-O...

DON'T FORGET KURAMA!
I AIN'T ALONE!

...

THIS BETTER NOT BE ENOUGH TO SLOW YOU DOWN.
KAKASHI, YOU GOT A WINNING RECORD AGAINST ME RIGHT NOW...

LET'S GO... GUY!
NARUTO... I'M GLAD YOU WERE MY SUBORDINATE...

I DO NOT FEAR A BORROWED POWER THAT CAN'T EVEN STRING TOGETHER A BARRAGE...

CONSIDERING MY REMAINING CHAKRA...
...I ONLY HAVE A FEW SHOTS LEFT...

MY DEAR RIVAL!! NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!

NOW WATCH AND LEARN... THE TRUE POWER OF KAMUI!!

SWOO...

THIS KAMUI... I MUST NOT MESS UP THE TIMING!

SWOO...

ZS
H-
THIS IS OUR CHANCE!!
IF HE HAS TO MATERIALIZE WHEN HE SUCKS THINGS IN, HE'S GOTTA DO SO WHEN HE SPITS THINGS OUT TOO!!
ZWOOOOO
IF YOU CAN COUNTER-STRIKE, THAT IS!
THO
THO
THO
THO

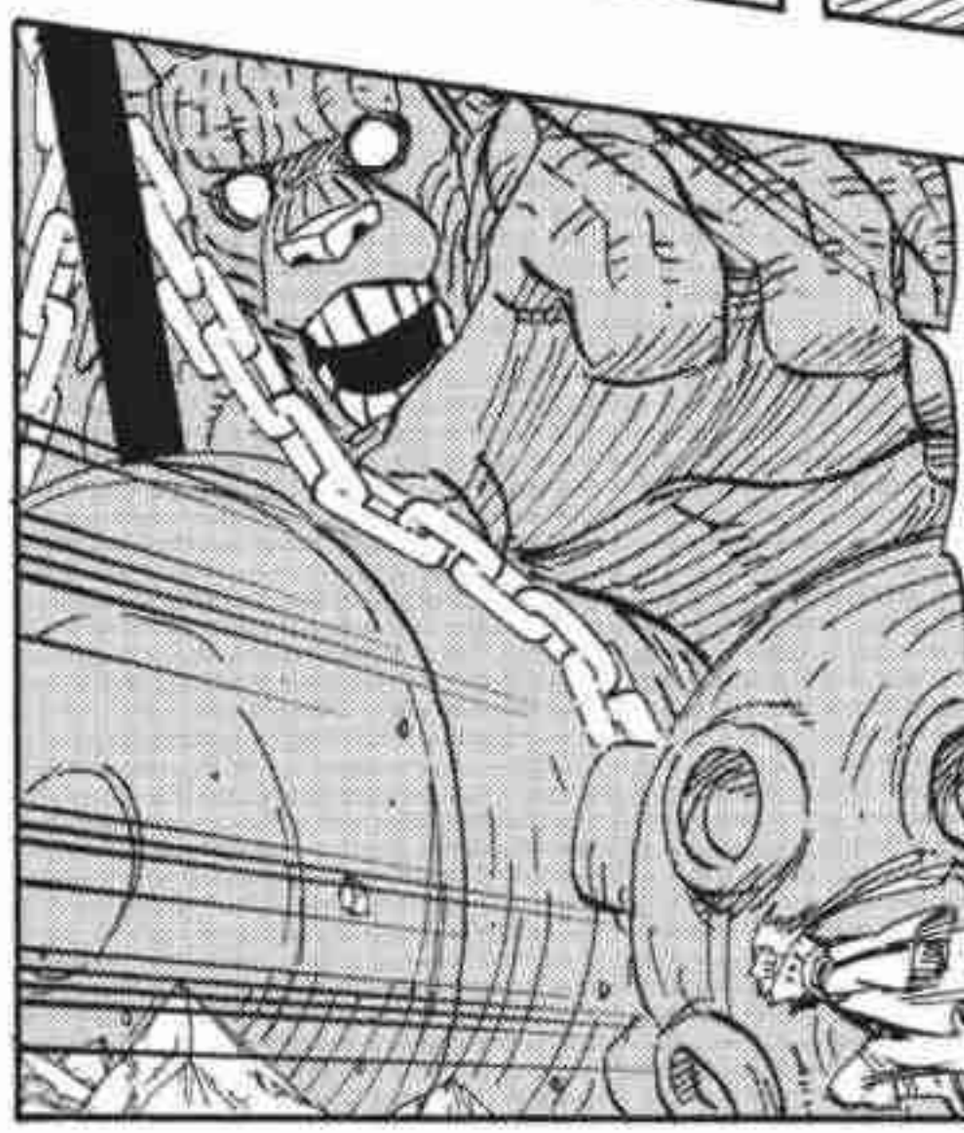
THESE ARE...!!
!!

BZZ...

THUNK

ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPELGANGER!
FSH
COULD YOU SHIELD ME FOR A BIT, OCTOPOPS?!!

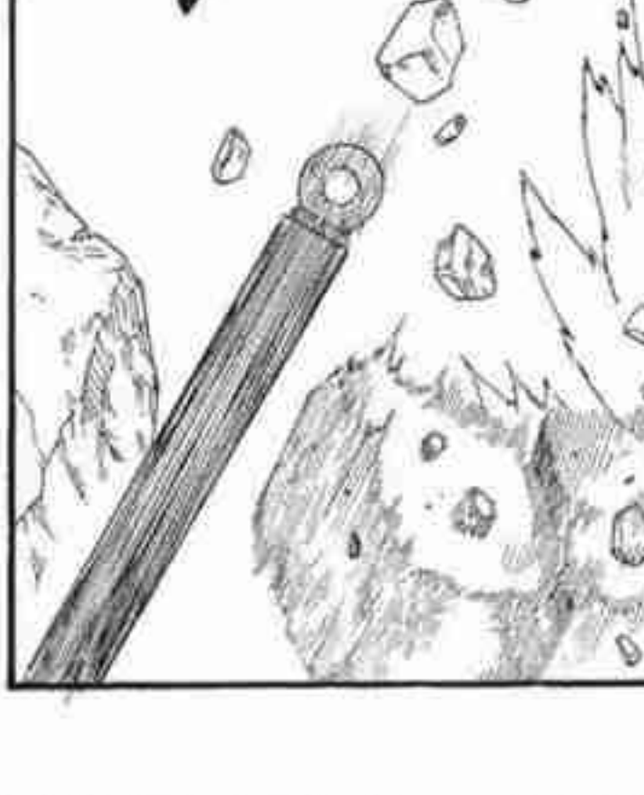
DON'T LET THEM TOUCH YOU!!
NARUTO!! THESE COME WITH THE CURSE MARKS THAT RESTRAIN BIJU POWER!!
THD
THD
THUNK
THUNK


GOTCHA, C'MERE! I'LL BE YOUR UMBRELLA!!
TAK

THUNK
TAK

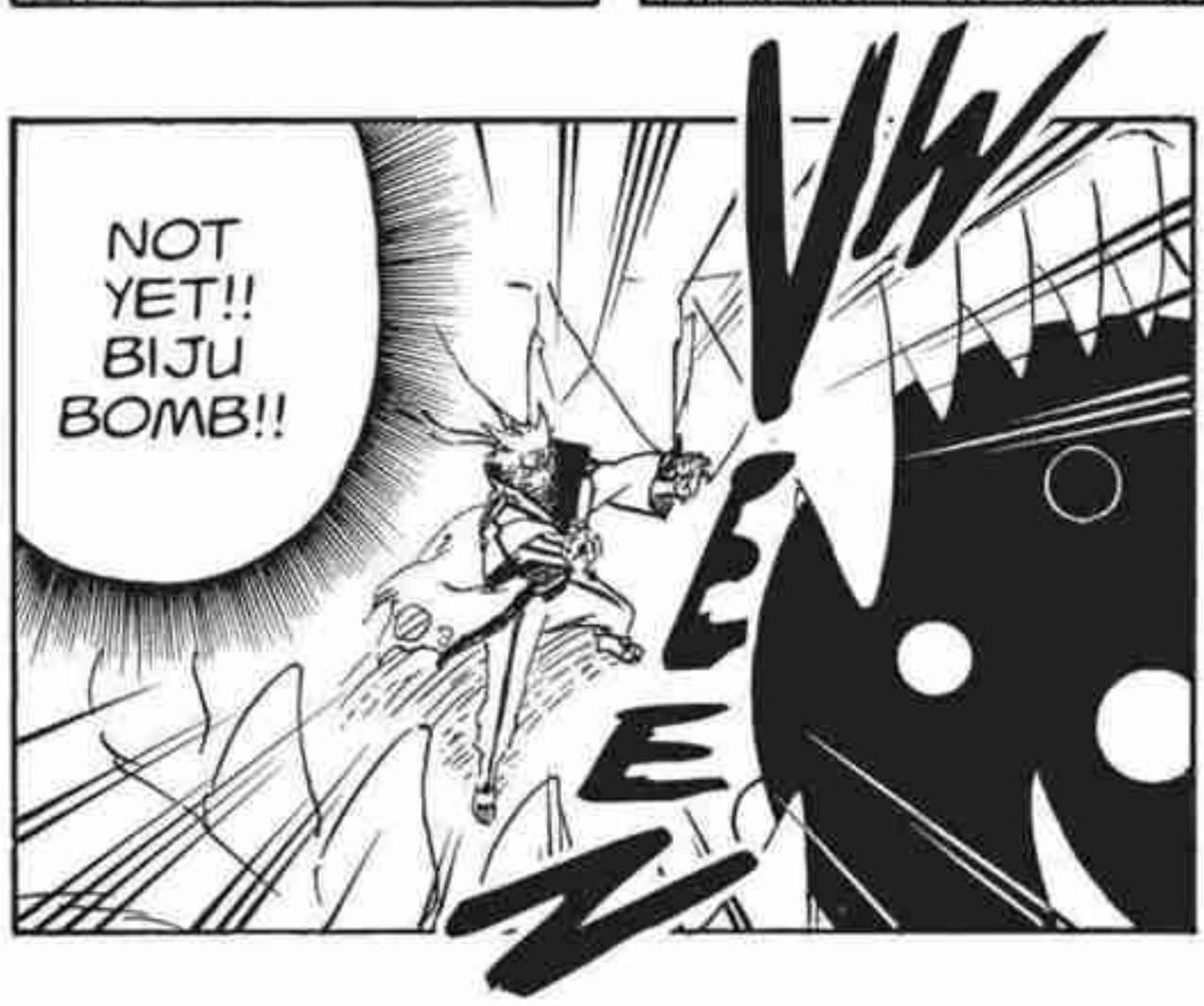
SHOOM
GLANCE
KAMUI!!
TAK
ZWOP
ALL I NEED TO DO IS NOT HAVE NARUTO SLIP THROUGH ME...!
ZWW
IF IT'S THAT SAME MOVE AGAIN...

BOOF


HUF
HAK

SLUMP
KAKA-SHI!!

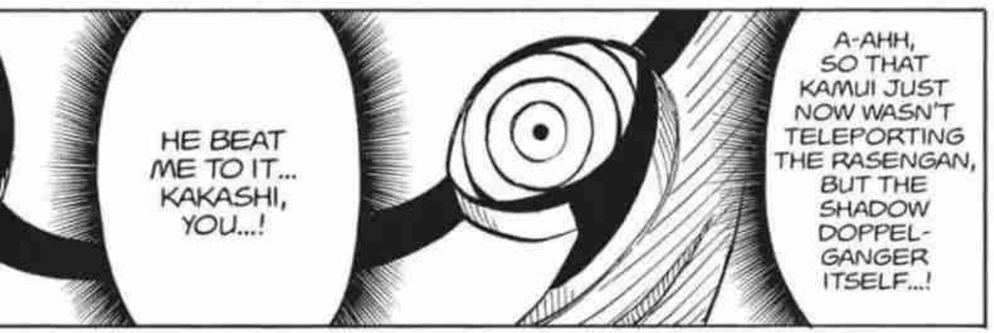
OH, A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ...?


NOT YET!! BIJU BOMB!!
EEEEE

YOU MISSED TELEPORT-ING THE RASENGAN ...
...AND WASTED ANOTHER KAMUI.
SEEMS MY ATTACK WAS QUICKER THAN YOU... KAKASHI.

BOOM
RAR
UGH!
SWSH
SWW
A BIT LATE... HOW FUTILE...

UZUMAKI NARUTO !!
Y- YOU'RE ...!!


HE BEAT ME TO IT... KAKASHI, YOU...!
A-AHH, SO THAT KAMUI JUST NOW WASN'T TELEPORTING THE RASENGAN, BUT THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ITSELF...!

NO MORE ESCAPING !!

GAH...

WHO...

!!

...ARE YOU?!!

Number 599: Uchiha Obito

NINJA ACADEMY
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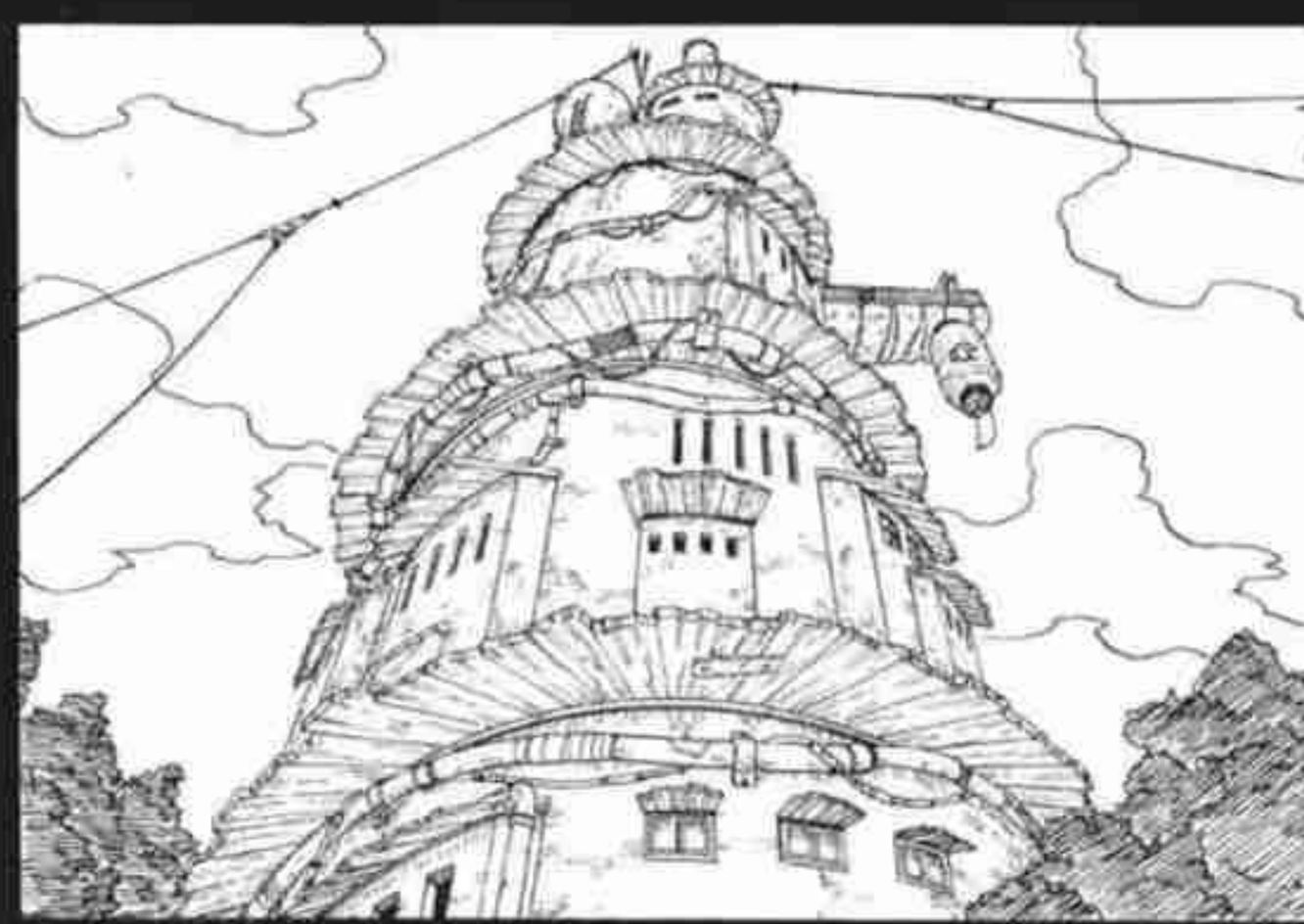
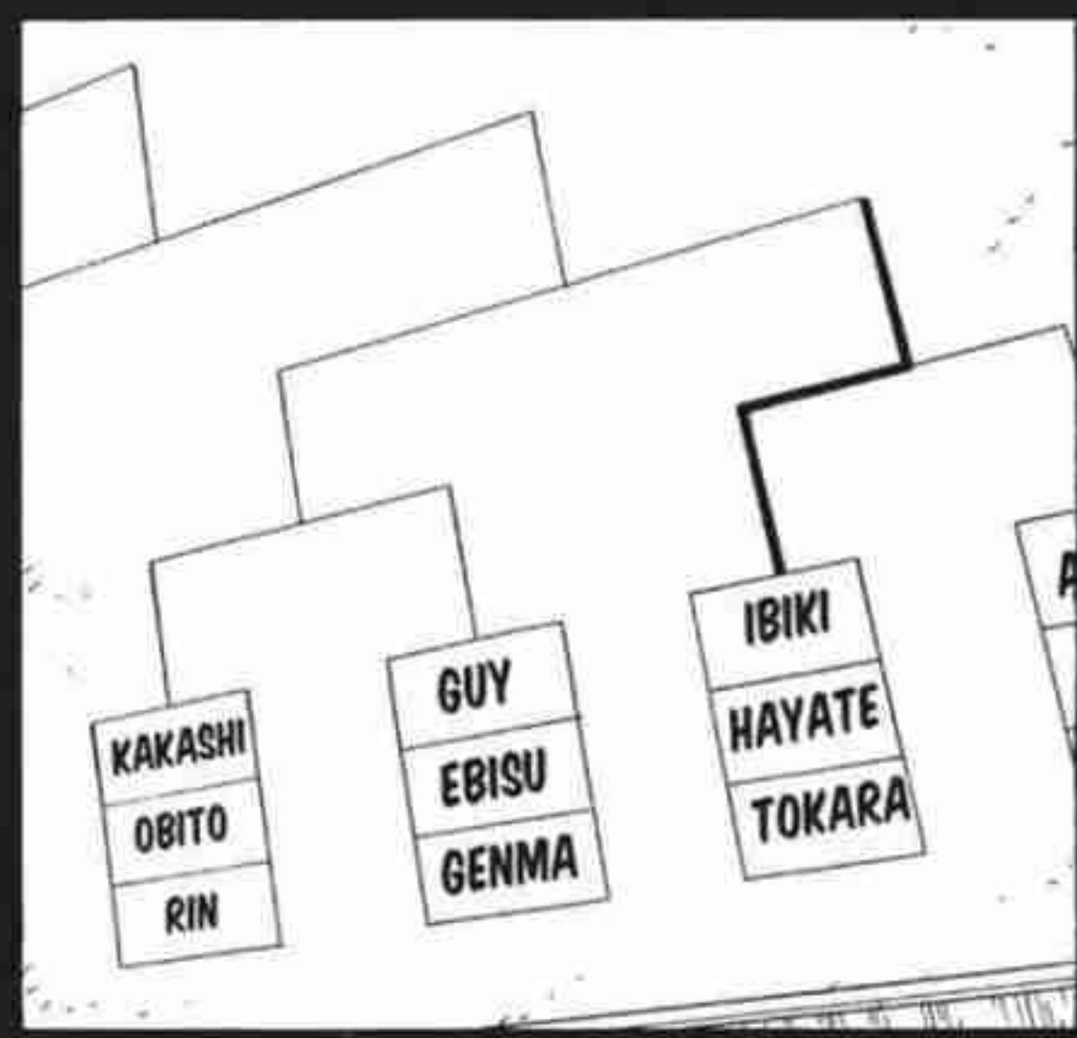
NINJA ACADEMY ORIENTATION
NINJA ACADEMY ORIENTATION

CHÛNIN EXAM STAGE 2, CELL VS. CELL BATTLES





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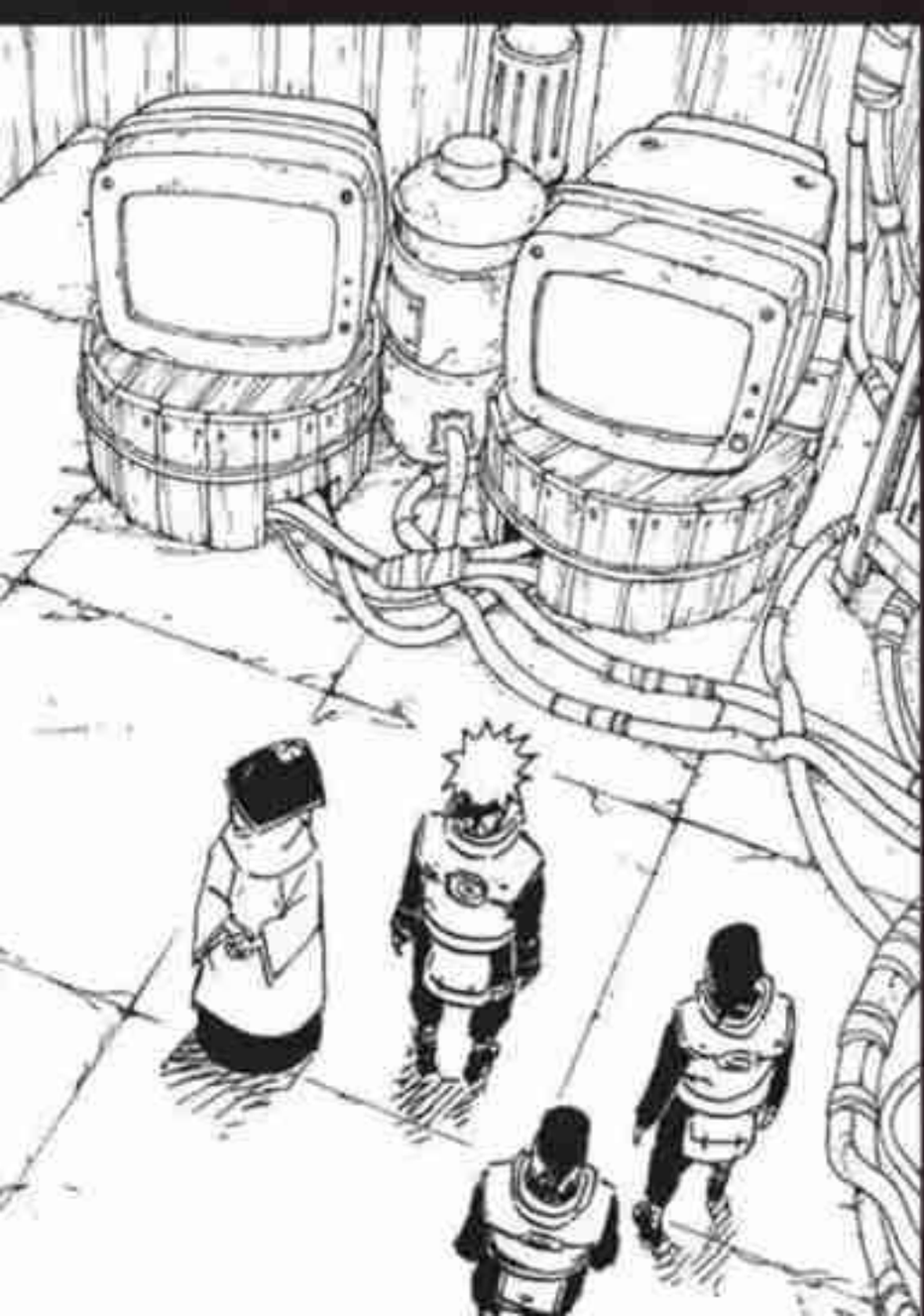

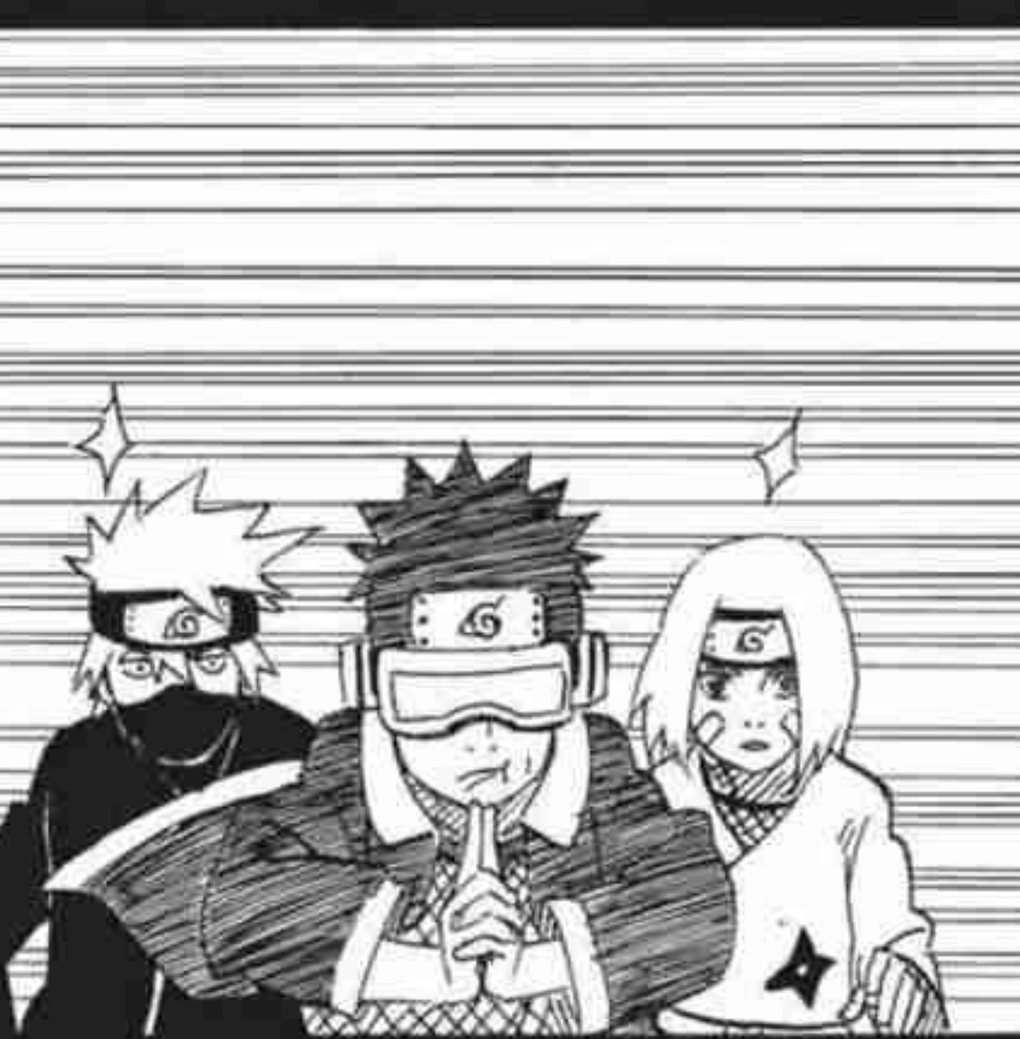

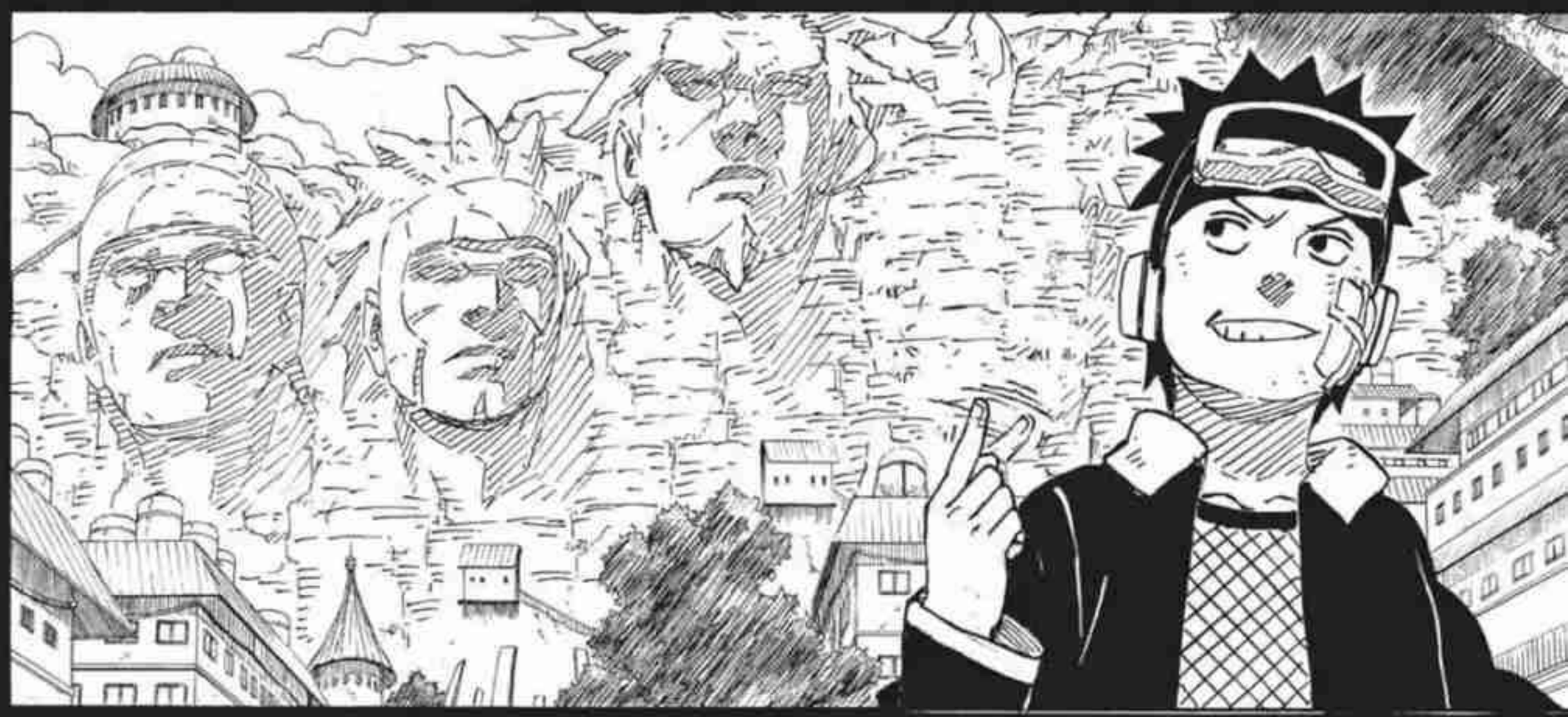

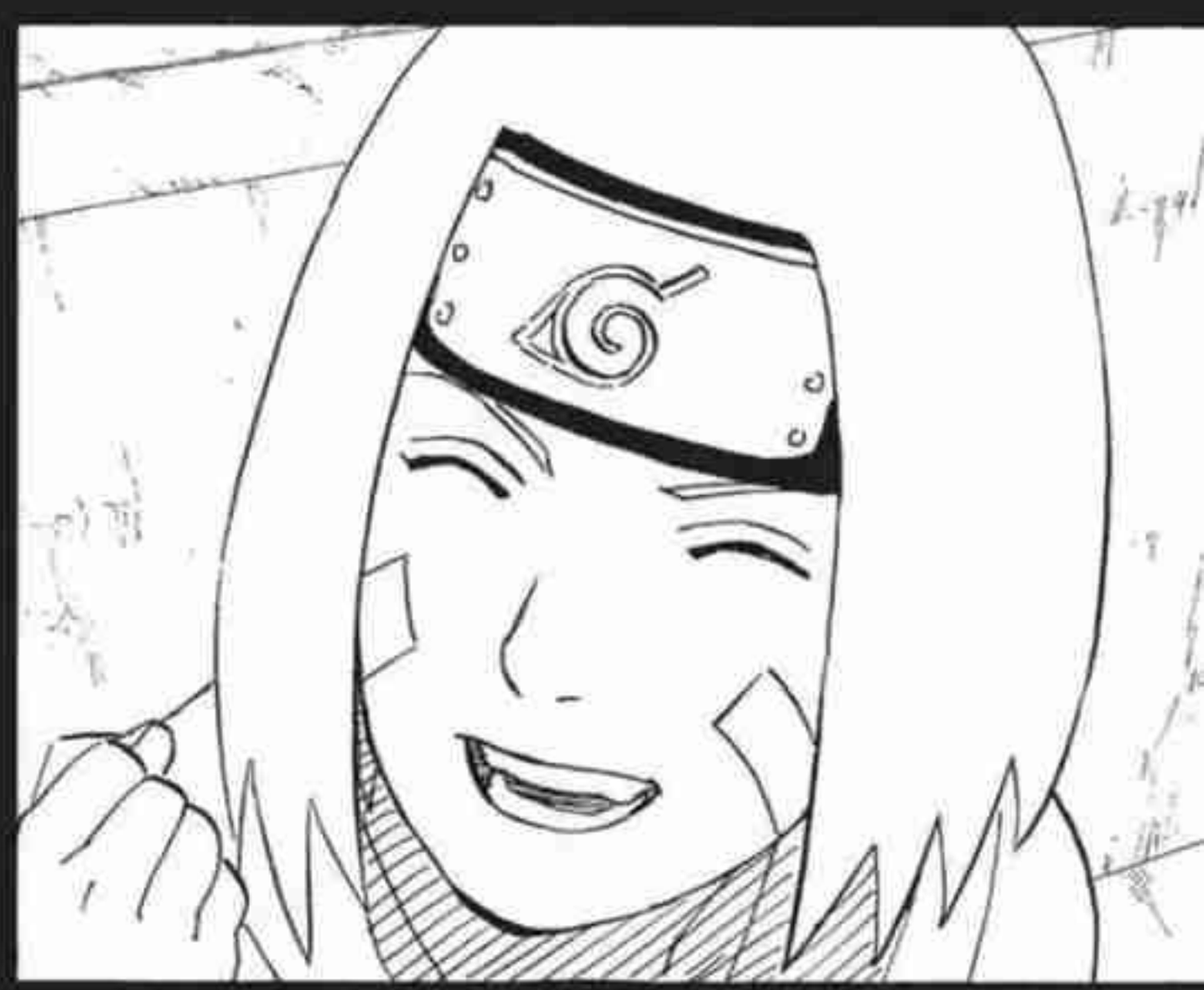

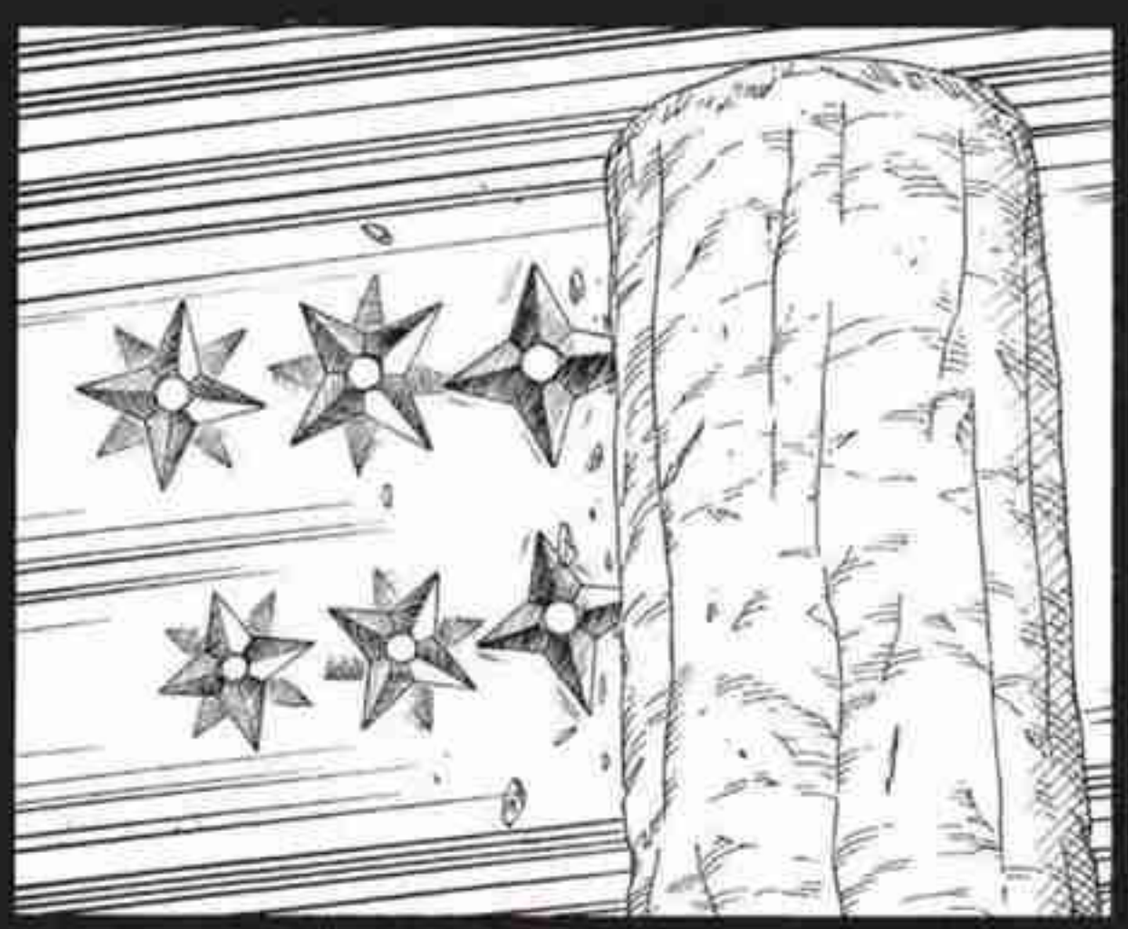

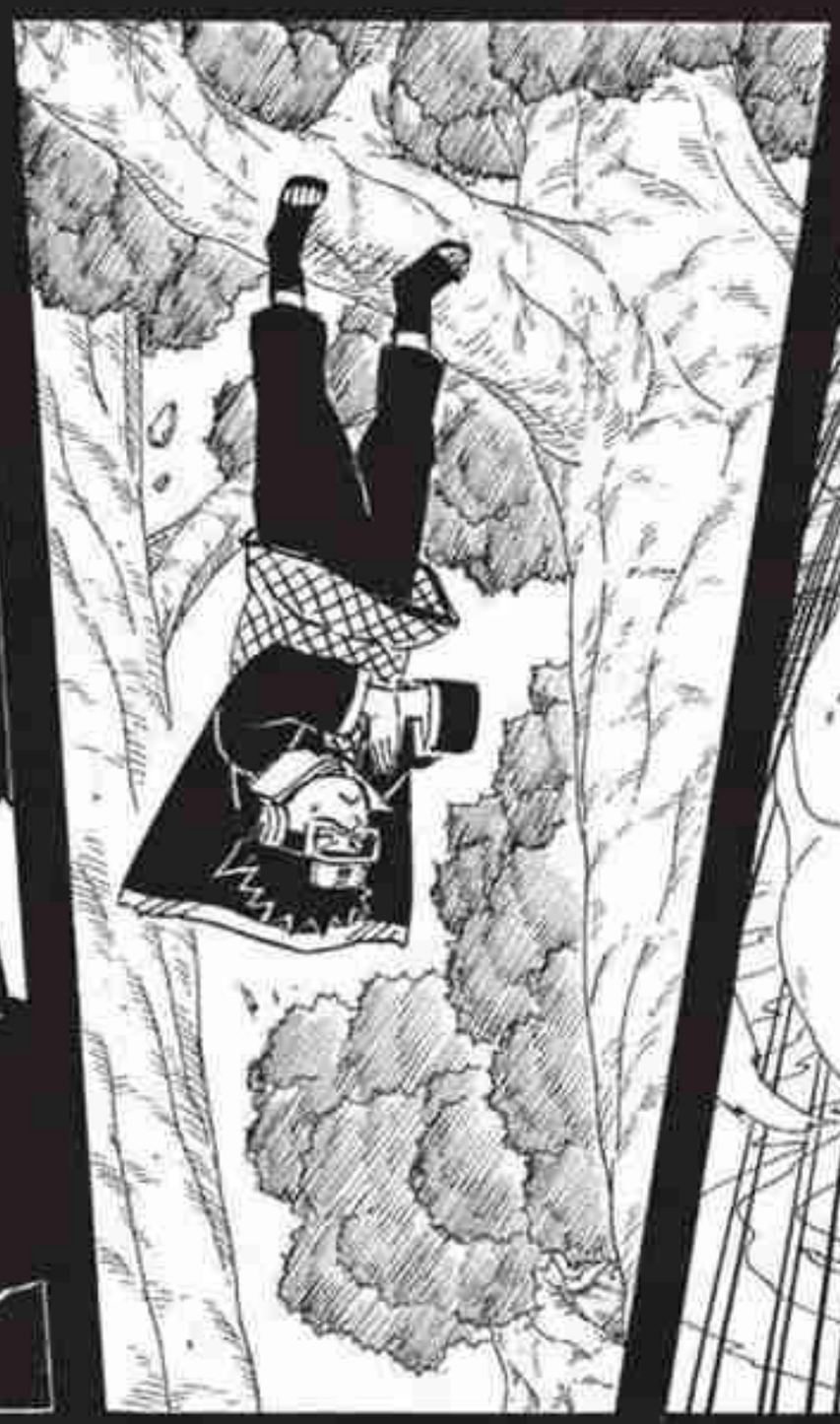

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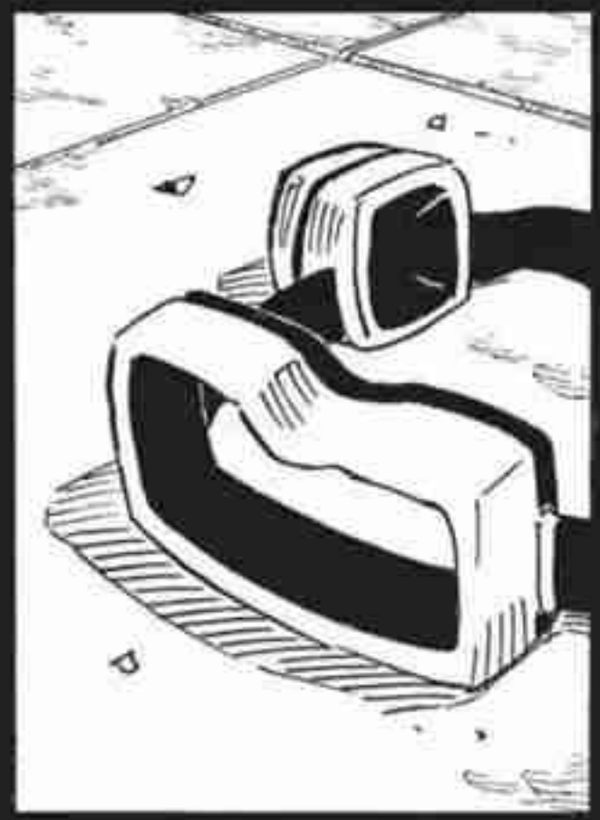

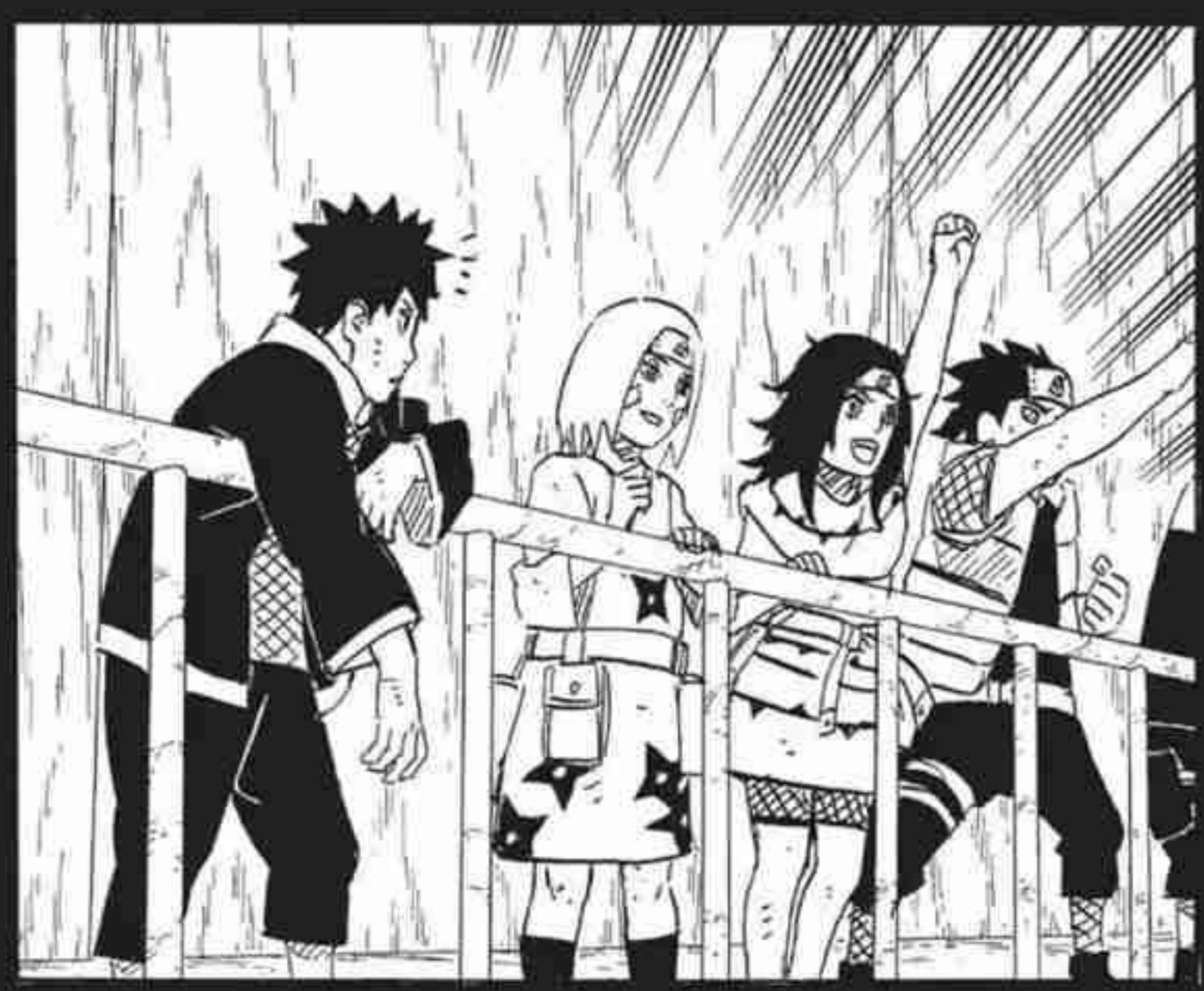

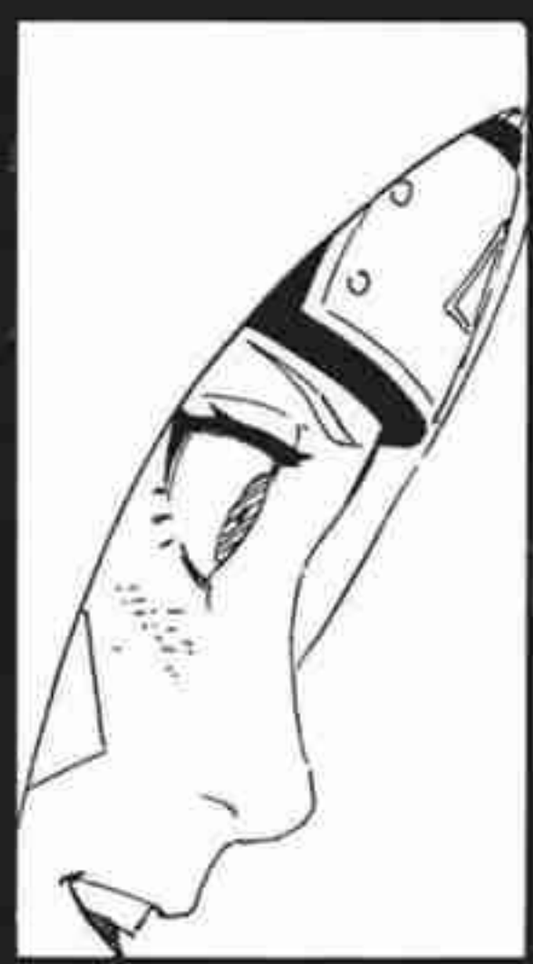

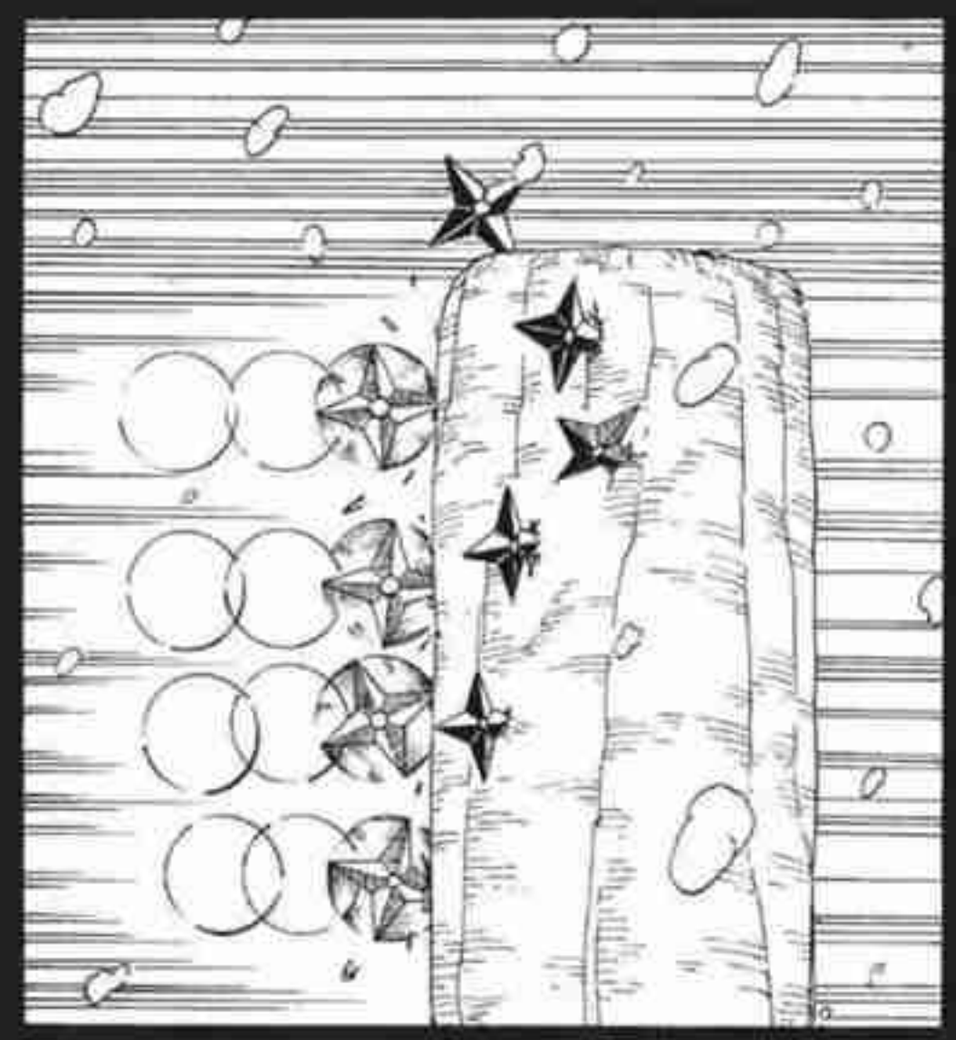

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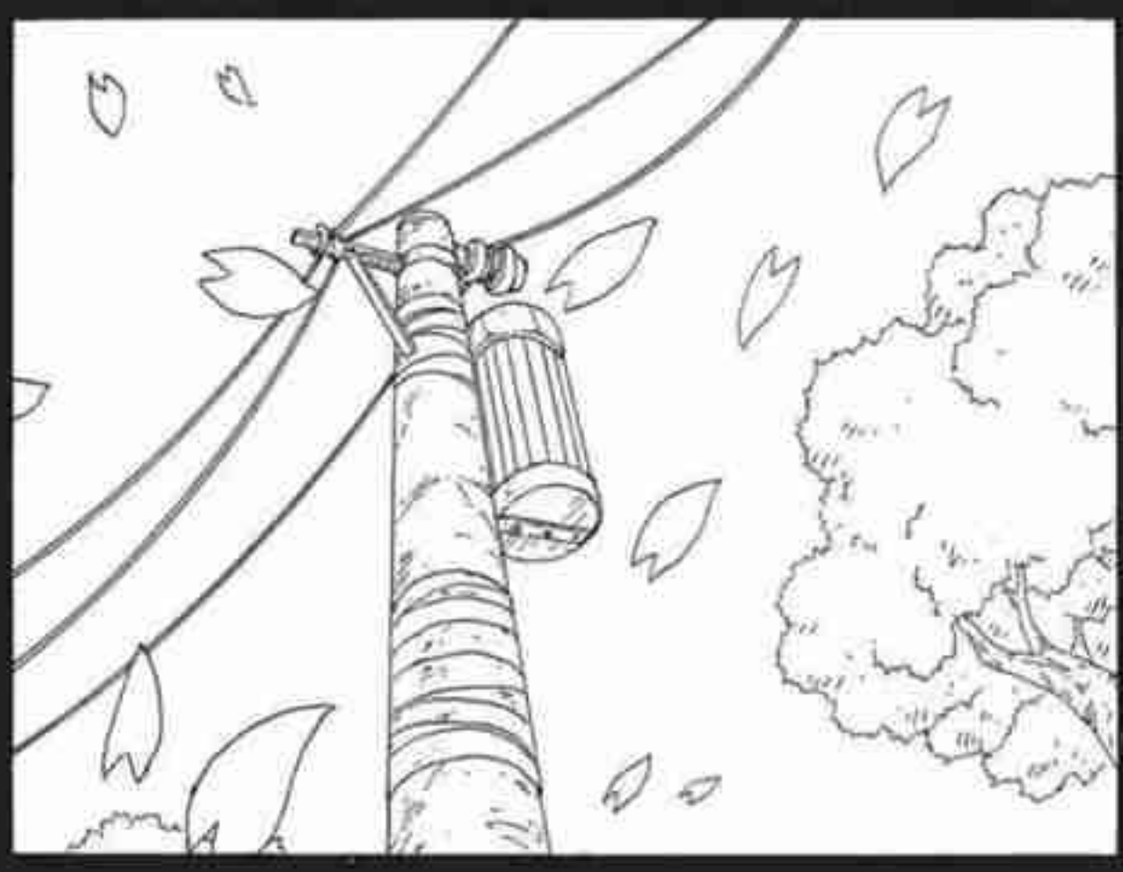
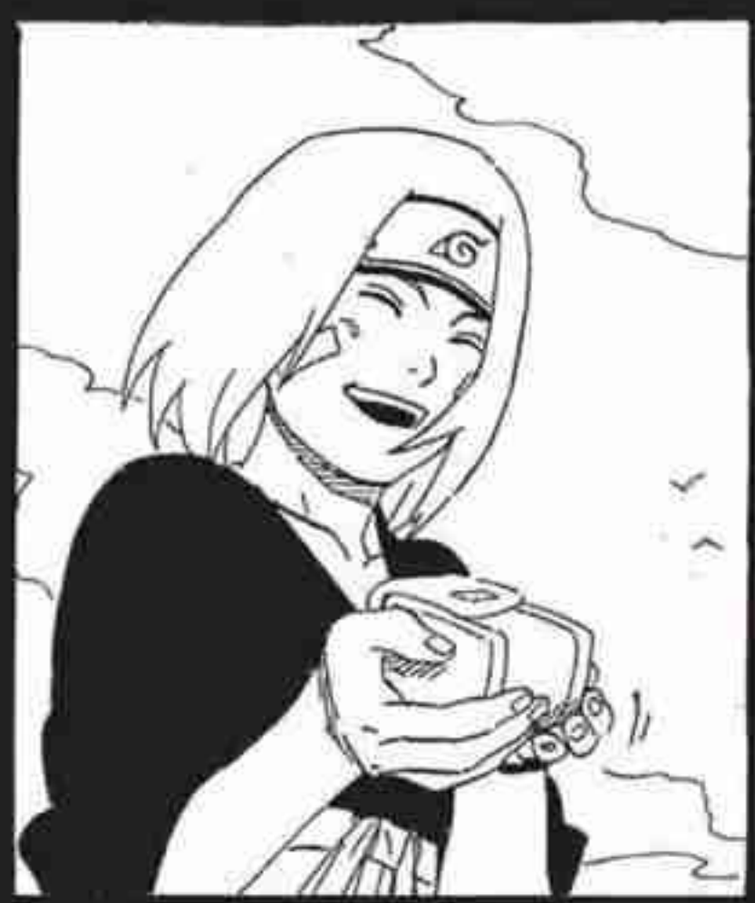


CHÛNIN

Plan by Kakashi's classmates to obtain gifts to celebrate his elevation to jônin rank. (top-secret mission)



IS THAT YOU...
SHUP
...OBITO...?

Number 600: Why Not Sooner?

...
...BUT IT MEANS NOTHING TO ME.
YOU CAN CALL ME BY THAT NAME IF YOU WANT...
CLASH
KAKASHI !!
MY EYE!!
UGAAH!!
FLOOMP

SWOO

SWOO
OBITO... YOU...
!

I'M PROTECTING MY COMRADE!!
THOPP
THIS TIME...
GGGG
THD THD
BUT THAT DAY... YOU...

SHKARRNNCH

GUYS, MAKE FOR THE EXIT!

URG!

FUMP

SCREECH

KAKASHI!

SMEK

MY NEW BLIND SPOT...

GRAB

THUK

GGG

OBITO...

FWEEE

OBITO!!

MY RIGHT SIDE IS PRETTY MUCH GONE...

I DON'T EVEN FEEL ANYTHING...

ARGH!

MMMG

SKFF

IT'S OKAY. I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT.

DON'T... KAKASHI...

...

I WAS THE ONLY ONE... WHO DIDN'T... GIVE YOU A GIFT...

KAKASHI... I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN...

SO WHAT I MADE JÔNIN...

SO WHAT I'M A CELL LEADER!

LOOK AFTER RIN... FOR ME...

KLENCH...

DON'T WORRY...

THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD

GI
GI
GI

OBITO!!
GI GI GI

OBITO!

THOUGH WE ALL THOUGHT HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION DURING THE LAST WAR...

OUR CONTEMPORARY AND AN UCHIHA WHO WAS A KONOHA SHINOBI.

WHO IS HE?!

SO... YOU SURVIVED ...?

IF YOU REALLY WANT AN ANSWER...

ALTHOUGH... I SUPPOSE...

BECAUSE IT'S IRRELEVANT WHETHER I HAD SURVIVED OR NOT.

IF YOU WERE ALIVE... WHY DIDN'T YOU COME FORWARD SOONER...?

...

...

...

...

IT'S BECAUSE...

...YOU LET RIN DIE.

...

HEH HEH...

RELAX.

AND STOP IT WITH THAT EXPRESSION, KAKASHI...

...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CONDEMN ME...?

...

WHAT WOULD I GAIN FROM CRITICIZING THIS ABSURD REALITY?

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF A WORLD THAT SHALL SOON CEASE TO EXIST.

!

...BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DWELL ON IT RIGHT NOW!!
MASTER KAKASHI!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU...

...

RIGHT NOW, STOPPING WHAT THIS GUY IS TRYING TO DO COMES FIRST!!

YOU CAN DISCUSS IT LATER!

...

KAKASHI! IT'S JUST AS NARUTO SAYS!

THE FATE OF THIS WORLD CURRENTLY RESTS IN OUR HANDS!

NARUTO...!

PFFT

FIRE STYLE...

DIE WHILE STILL TIED DOWN TO REALITY!

I HAVE NOTHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

ZIN

WWWW

BOMB BLAST DANCE!!
KAKASHI!!
!!
TAK
BOOF
BO OF
THE NINE TAILS' TAILS, EH...?
BOOM
?!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN OVER HERE.
SHUP

WHAT THE?!

...

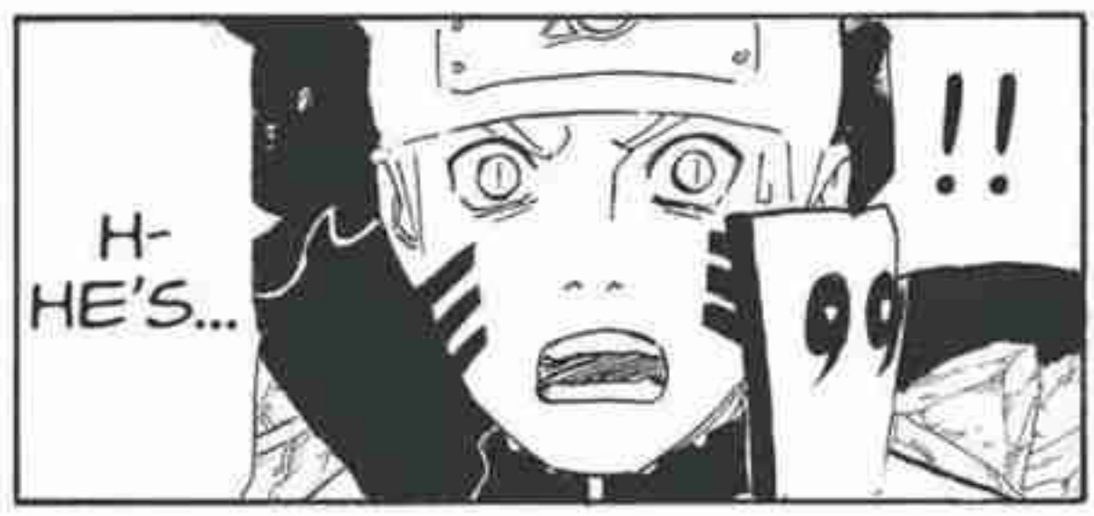
?!
?!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

OBITO...

WOOSH

Number 601: Obito and Madara



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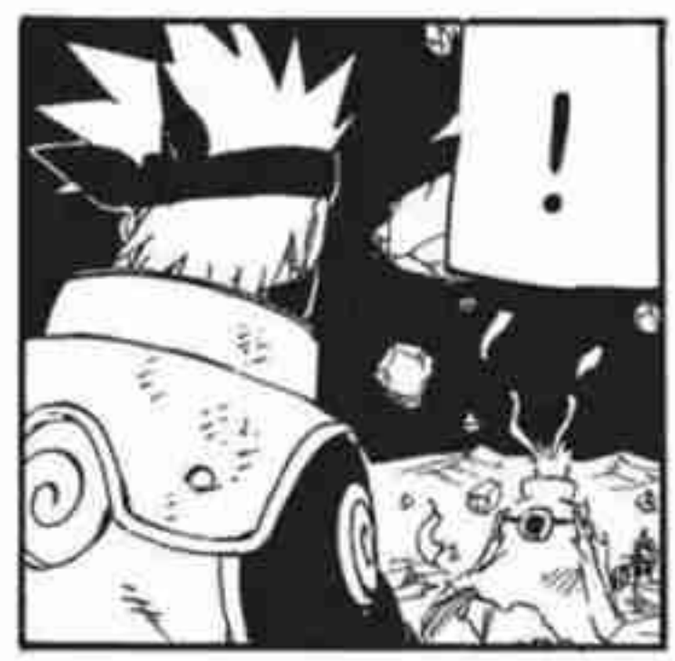
SH
E
Up
BUT WHY ...?!!
WHY IS THAT MADARA OVER HERE?!!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WHERE'S THE ORIGINAL, OBITO?
THIS ONE'S ALSO A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER..

MADARA...?! YOU MEAN THAT MADARA?!

HEY, NARUTO! THAT MUST MEAN...

忍

BRO...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO EVERYONE OVER THERE?!!

HE'S OVER THERE, EH...

NOT SURE...
BUT I SUSPECT ...
I ASKED YOU WHAT HAPPENED ?!!
HOSU
H

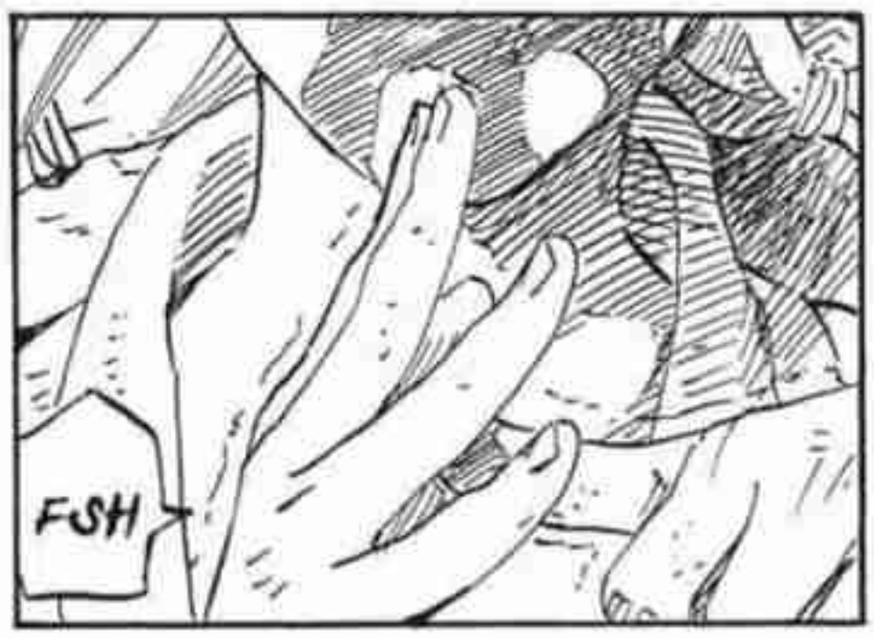
...THAT NONE OF THEM ARE DOING TOO WELL.

HUF...
...

...!
SHUG

UNH...

TNK
KUCHIYOSE...
SUMMONING...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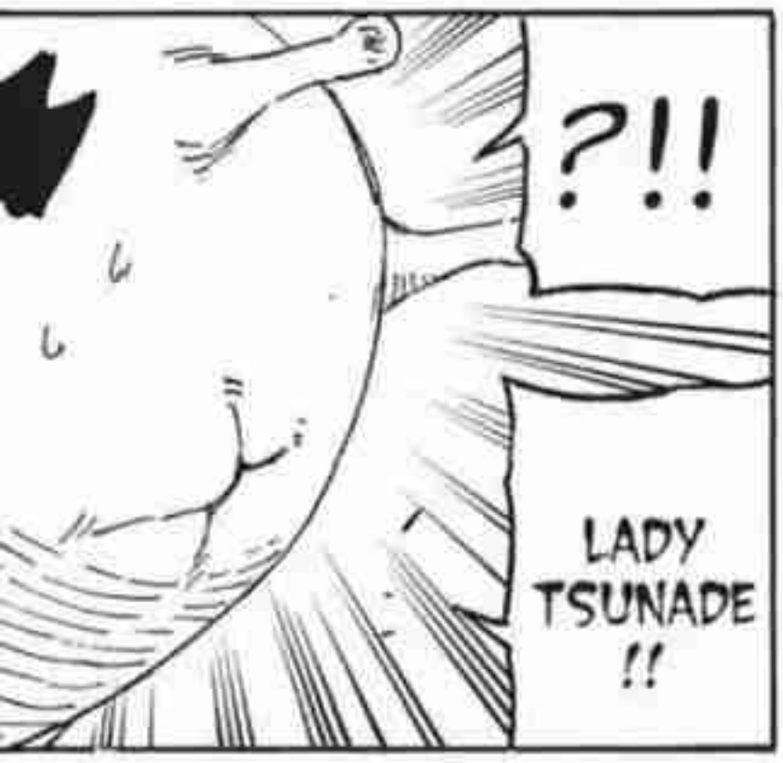
SQUICH


?!!
LADY
TSUNADE
!!

HUF
KATSUYU...
I NEED...
A FAVOR.
HUF

BOOM

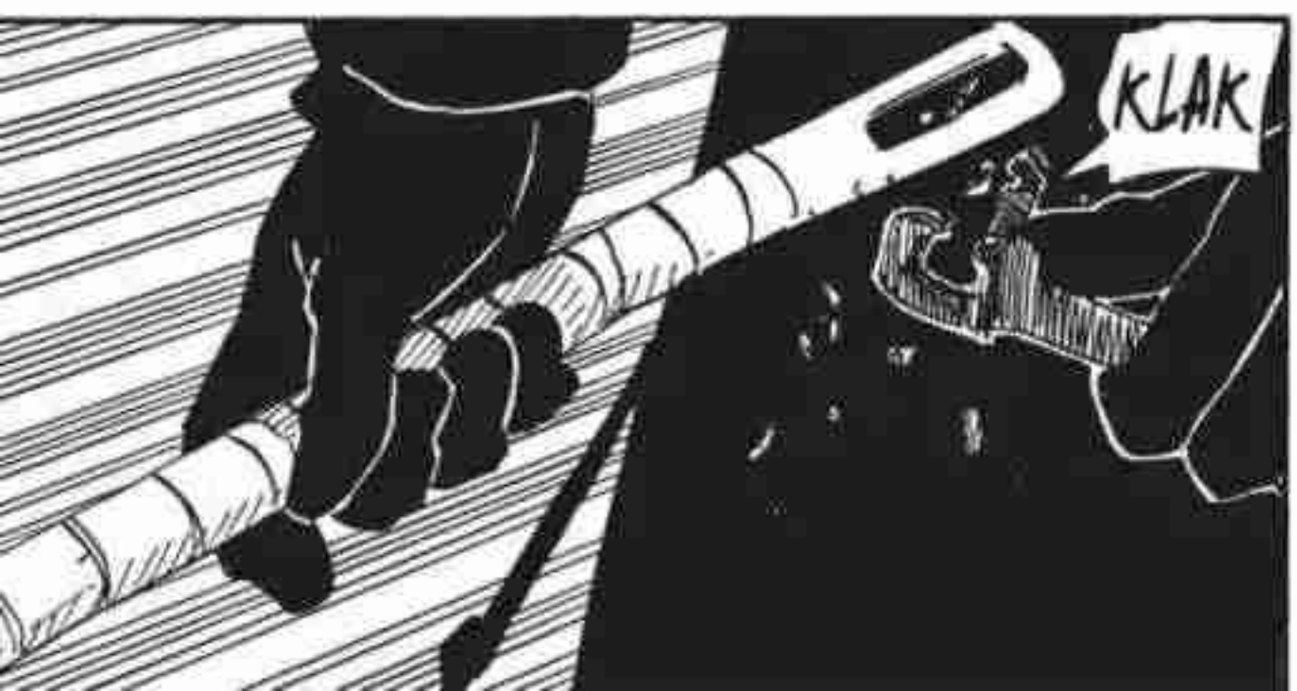
YES, MA'AM! I'LL REATTACH YOU RIGHT AWAY--

NO... MY LOWER BODY... CAN WAIT...

FIRST...

ZWOP
ZWWW...
ZW...

...STILL... SAVE THEM...
I CAN...


KLAK

FASTER THAN THE CURSE MARK CHAINS CAN WRAP AROUND...

FWIP

HMPH...!
...

IT WAS YOURS TO BEGIN WITH.
I'LL RETURN THAT TO YOU.

SNAG

ZUSHU

THK
THK
THK
THK

KLANK
KLANK

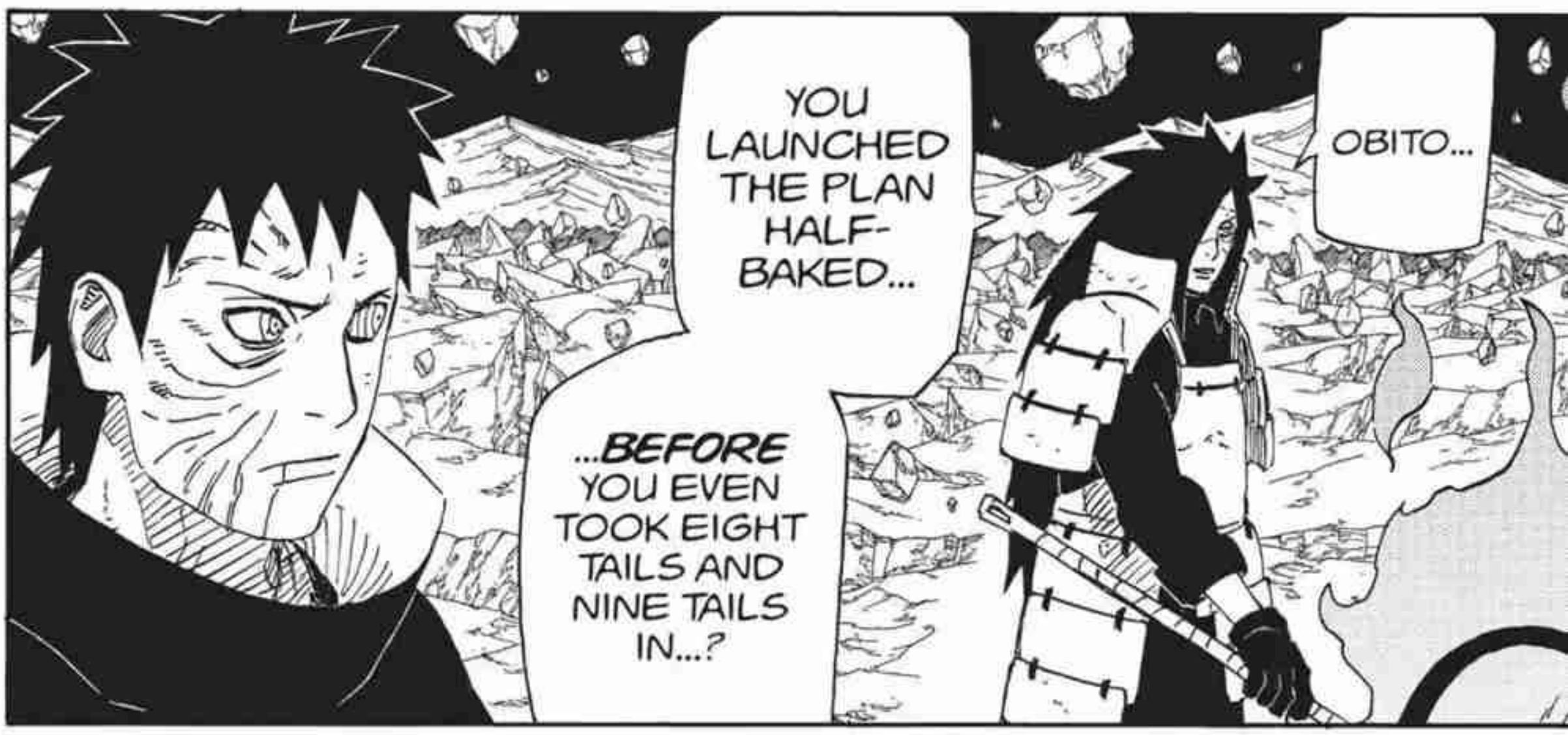
I CAN FINALLY MOVE! THANKS A BUNCH, NARUTO!

NOW IT'S MY TURN!!

...

RAAAWR !!
!

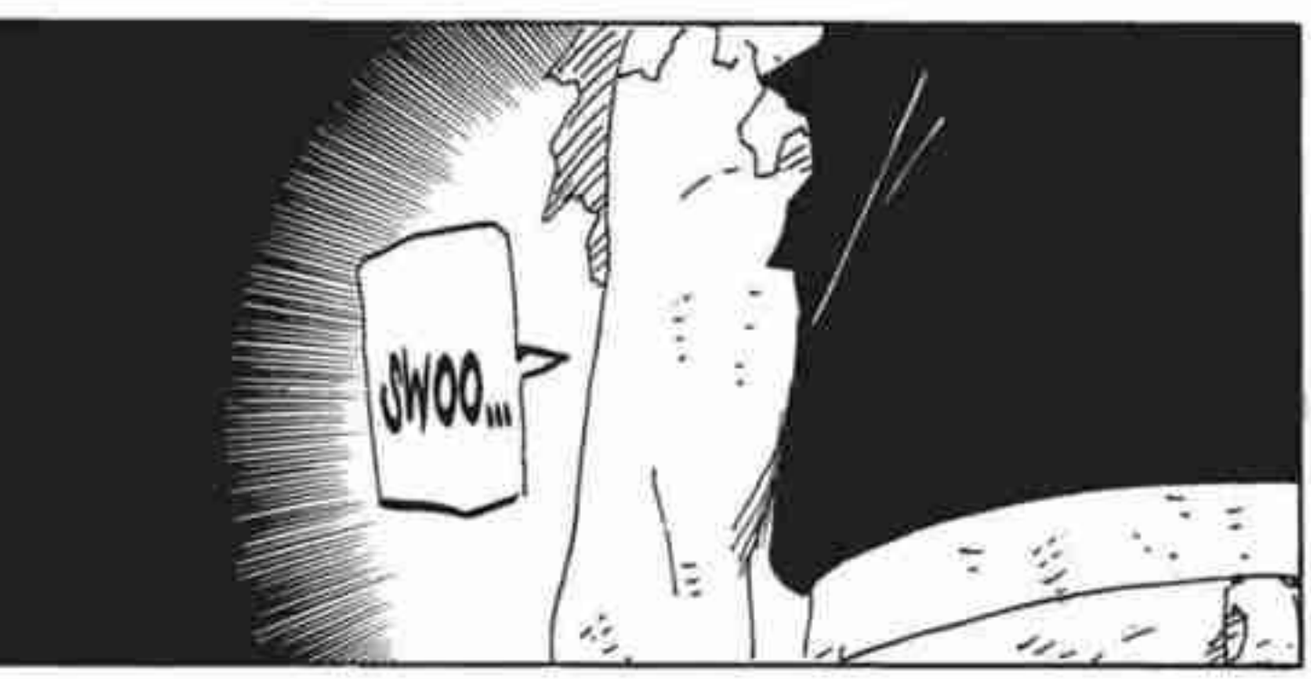
GRAAAAWR!


YOU LAUNCHED THE PLAN HALF-BAKED...
...BEFORE YOU EVEN TOOK EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS IN...?
OBITO...

IS THAT ALSO WHY I GOT REVIVED IN THIS FORM?
YOU WERE HASTY, OBITO...

WHAT'S THEIR RELATION-SHIP...?
HE KNOWS OBITO'S PLAN...?

!
?!


SWOO...

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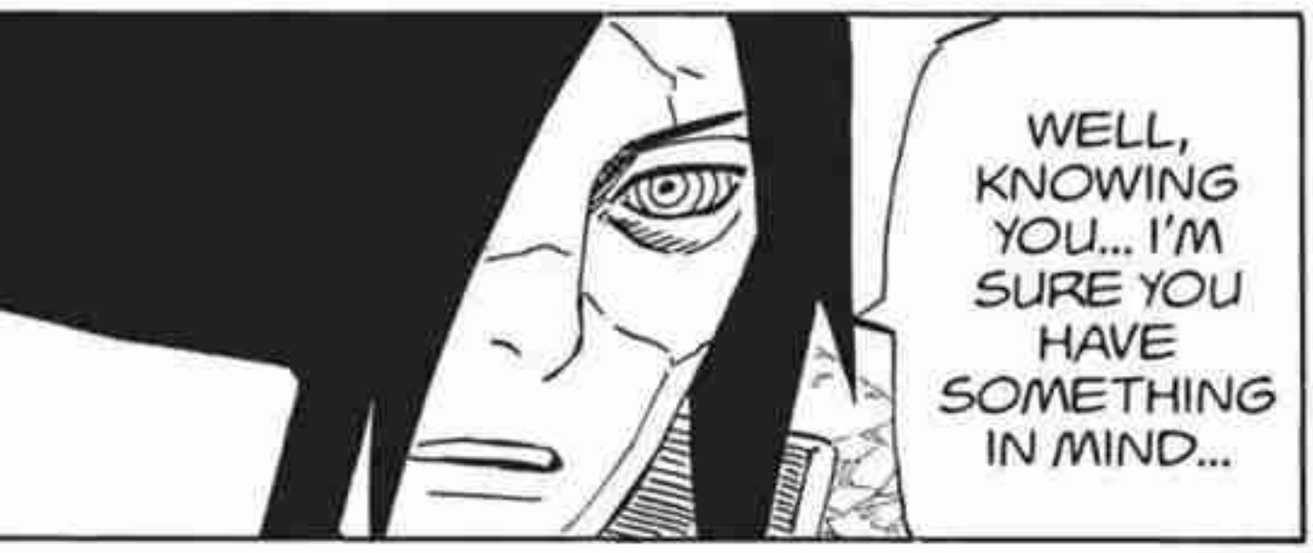
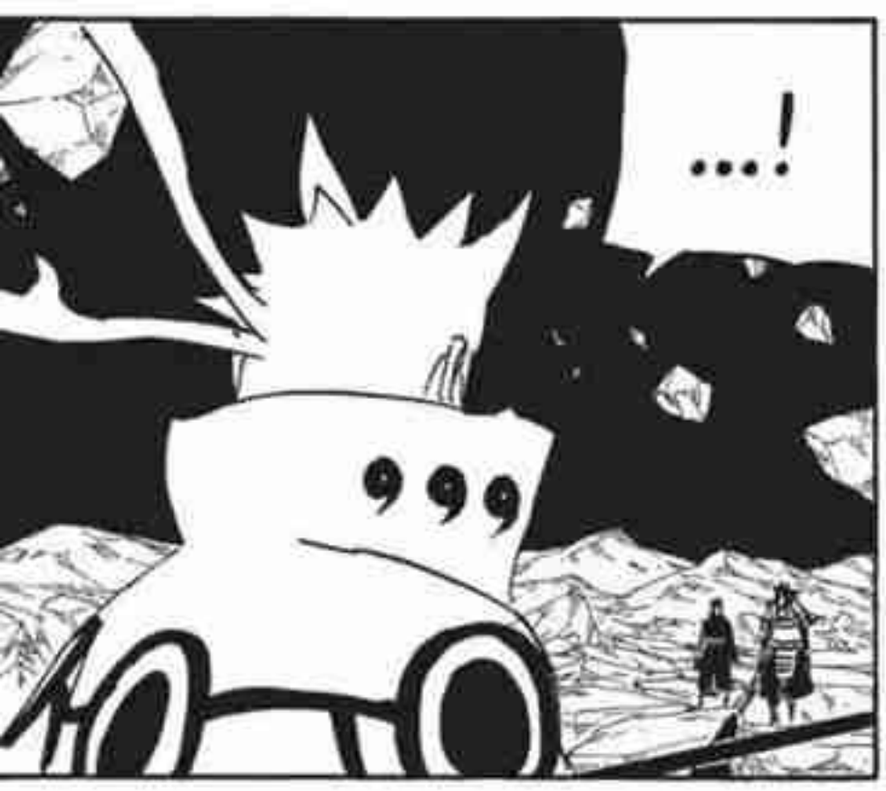

WELL, KNOWING YOU... I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND...


...!
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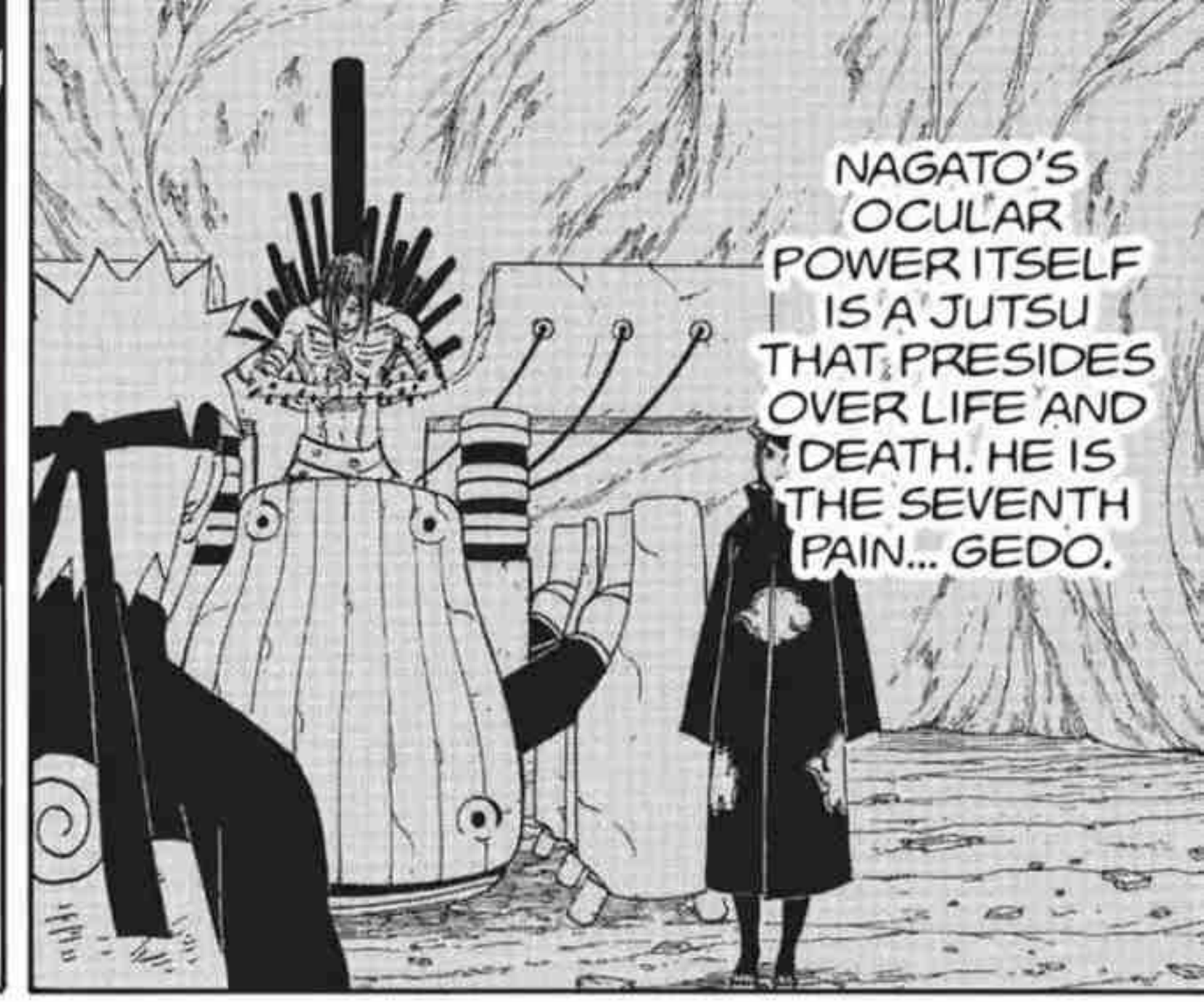
SHUP
WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO UNTIL NOW...?
WHERE'S NAGATO?

GEDO ART OF RINNE REBIRTH !!!
!!

AND BRING ME BACK TO LIFE WITH RINNE REBIRTH.
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT...

SO... YOU WERE TRYING TO USE NAGATO?!


NAGATO'S OCULAR POWER ITSELF IS A JUTSU THAT PRESIDES OVER LIFE AND DEATH. HE IS THE SEVENTH PAIN... GEDO.

I'LL CAPTURE EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS!
BUT NEVER MIND... IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE.
THOOM

CAN'T DEPEND ON ANY OF YOU...
...

HE USED THE JUTSU TO REVIVE KONOHA VILLAGERS...
HE... BETRAYED US.

TA
KU-KWEEN
DEAD MEN SHOULDN'T GO MUCKING THINGS UP!!

FLASH
FSH
!
FSH

UCHIHA REFLECTION!
HUH ...?
NO EXPLOSION ...?!
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FFT
BO
OF
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AM

IN BETWEEN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT...

...YOUNG UCHIHA...

!

WHERE... IS THIS ...?

TAK

YOU TAKE DOWN THOSE TWO, OBITO.

I'LL GET EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS...

UGH!!

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WHY'D YOU JOIN UP WITH *HIM*...?!

OBITO... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...?

...

!

AM I... DEAD?

Number 602: Alive

HELP !!

THRASH

NOOO!!! I DON'T WANNA DIE YET!!

SURE, I CAUSED A LOT OF MISCHIEF AND BROKE RULES ALL THE TIME... BUT I'M CERTAIN MY BALANCE IS ON THE POSITIVE SIDE!!

WAIT! I LIVED MY LIFE UNDER A CREED OF HELPING ELDERLY PEOPLE IN NEED!!

PLEASE, JUST NOT HELL!!

YOU'RE DEATH FOR SURE, A GRIM REAPER FOR THE UCHIHA CLAN!!!

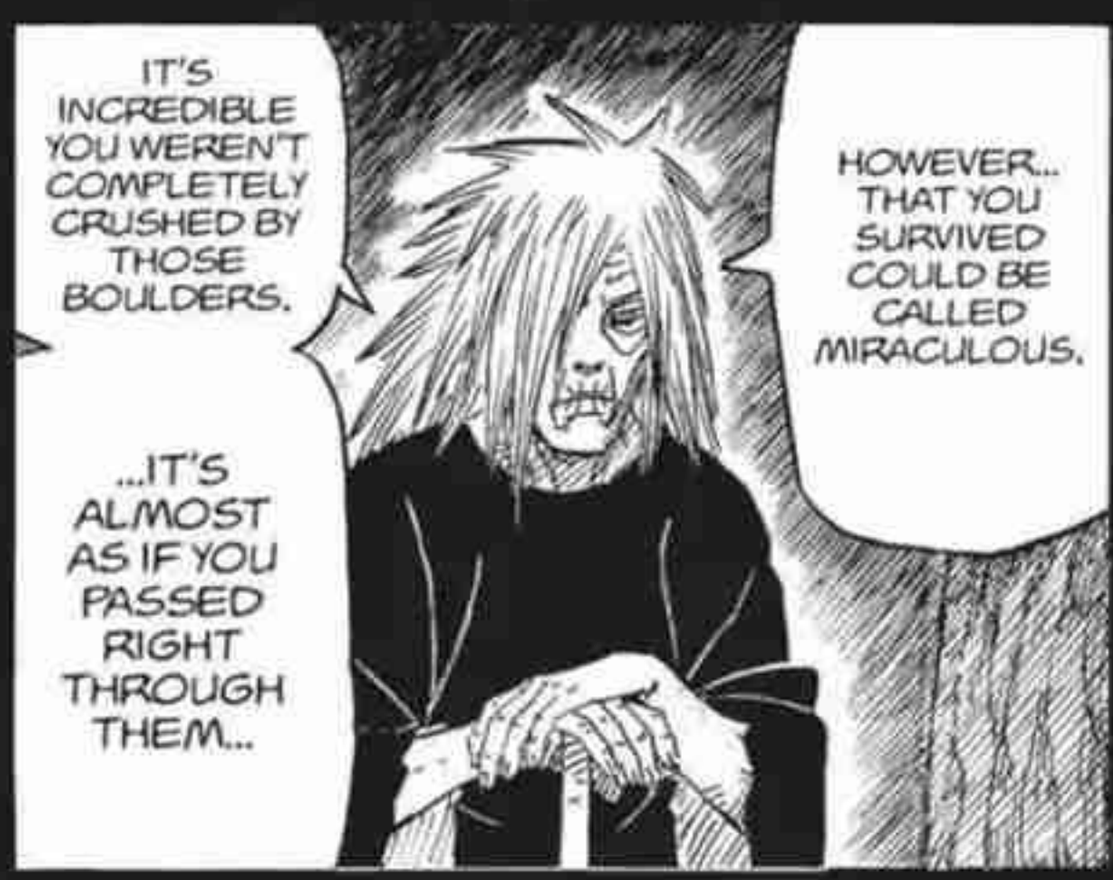
I JUST SAW A SCYTHE!!

!

THE FACT THAT YOU FEEL PAIN...
...MEANS THAT YOU ARE STILL ALIVE.

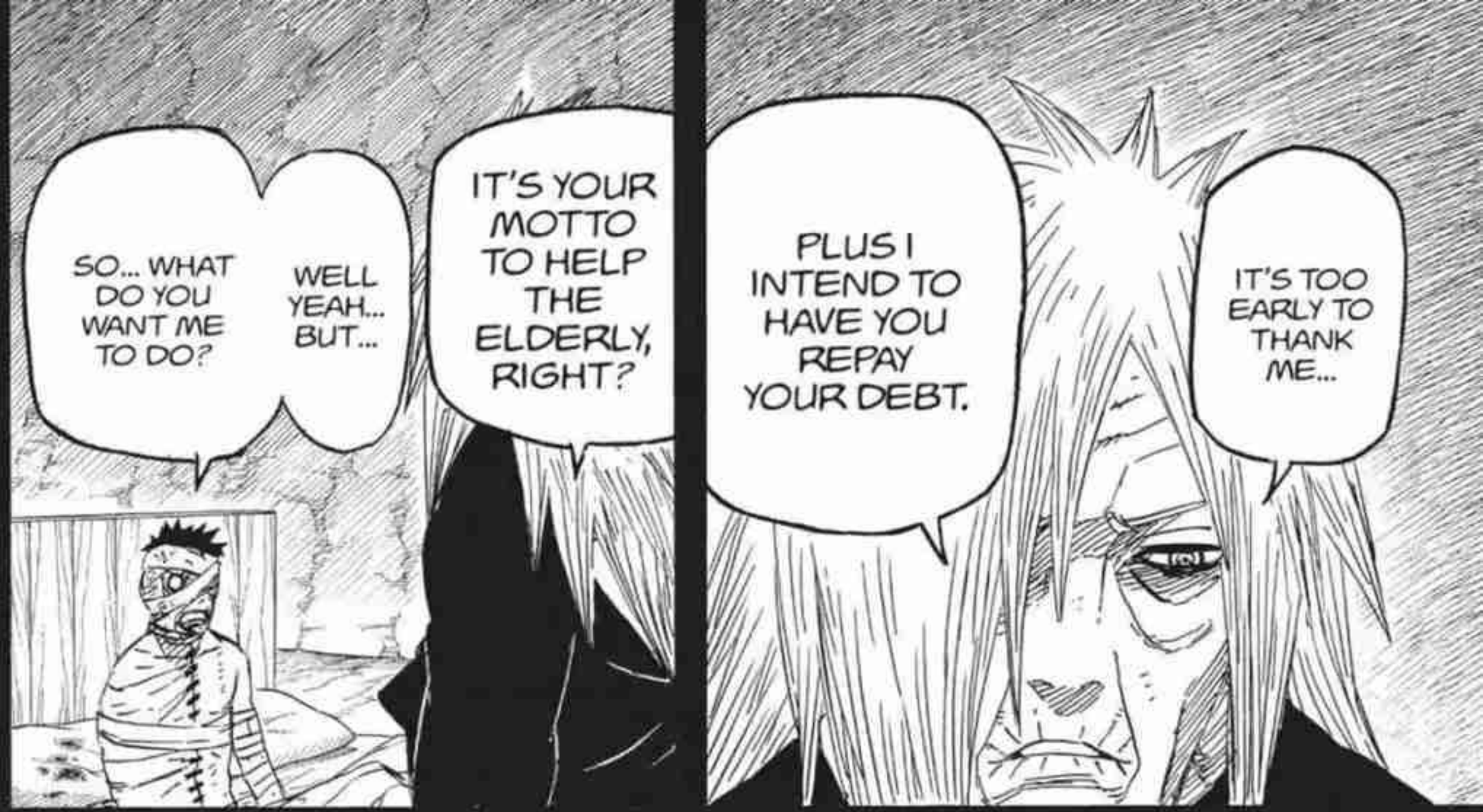
OWW... UNH...
THROB

IN AN UNDER-GROUND PASSAGEWAY I HAD CREATED...
...COLLAPSED NEXT TO CRUMBLED ROCK.
WHERE... WAS I?


IT'S INCREDIBLE YOU WEREN'T COMPLETELY CRUSHED BY THOSE BOULDERS.
...IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU PASSED RIGHT THROUGH THEM...
HOWEVER... THAT YOU SURVIVED COULD BE CALLED MIRACULOUS.

THANKS.
...

I PATCHED YOU UP AS BEST AS I COULD, BUT...
STILL, HALF OF YOUR BODY WAS MOSTLY PULVERIZED...
SO YOU SAVED ME, GRAMPS...?


SO... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WELL YEAH... BUT...
IT'S YOUR MOTTO TO HELP THE ELDERLY, RIGHT?
PLUS I INTEND TO HAVE YOU REPAY YOUR DEBT.
IT'S TOO EARLY TO THANK ME...

NOW THAT I KNOW I'M ALIVE, I NEED TO GO HOME TO KONOHA!
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER!
...
HELP YOU... WITH BATHROOM STUFF...?
THAT WOULD BE GOOD...
...

...SO I CAN PROTECT MY COMRADES BETTER NOW!
MY SHARINGAN HAS FINALLY ACTIVATED...
THERE'S A WAR GOING ON.

WITH THAT BODY... YOUR LIFE AS A SHINOBI IS OVER...
?!!

PROTECT YOUR COMRADES BETTER, EH...
...

WHAT ...?!
...

I'M CONFIDENT MY COMBINATION ATTACKS WILL BE EVEN BETTER NOW...

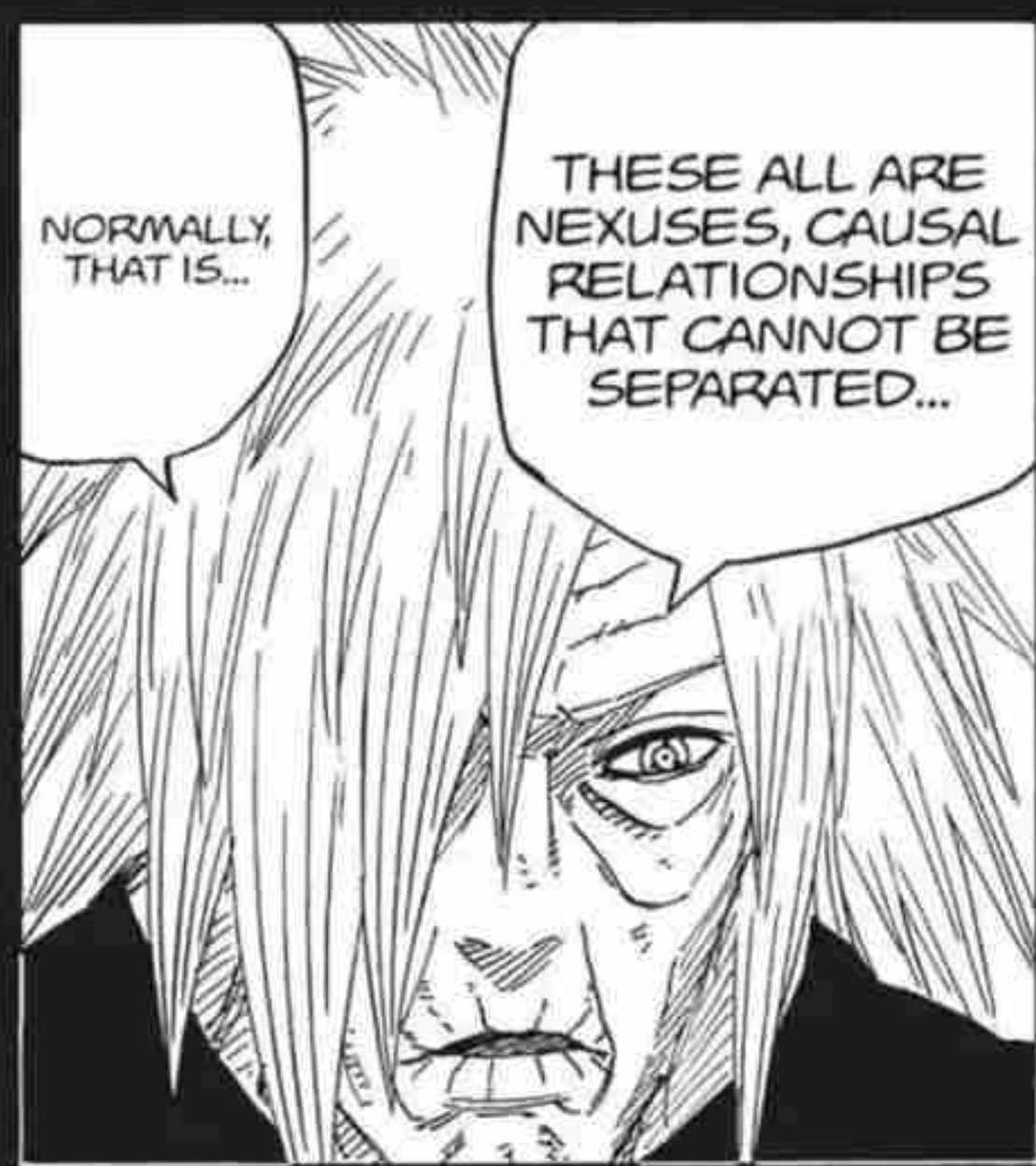
I FINALLY GOT THIS EYE!
NO, NO, NO!! BUT I FINALLY...

WAKE UP TO REALITY.
AT LAST I'LL BE A SHINOBI WHO CAN PROTECT HIS COMRADES...

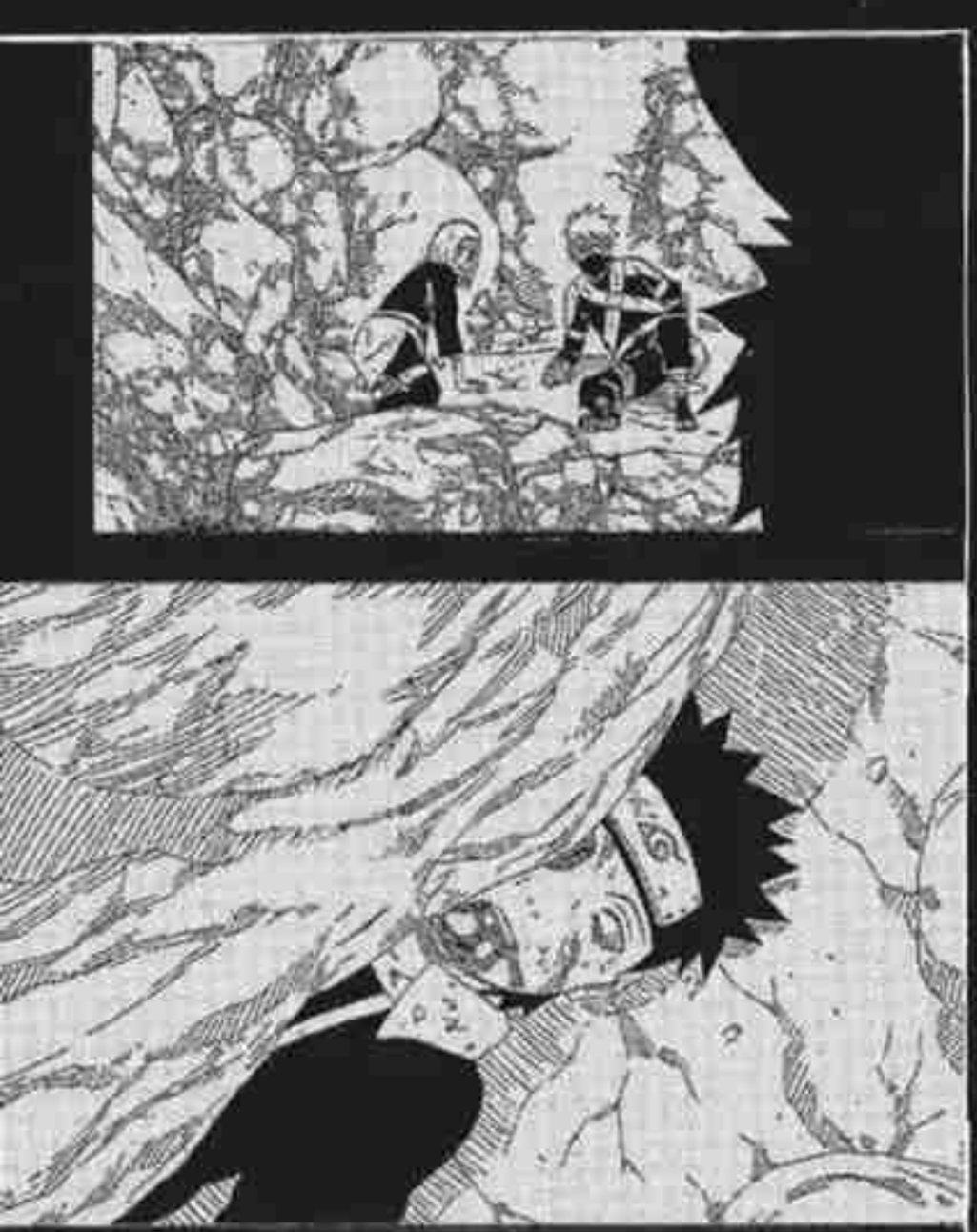
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS OLD MAN...?
...
THE LONGER YOU LIVE...
...THE MORE YOU'LL REALIZE THAT ONLY PAIN, SUFFERING, AND FUTILITY EXIST IN THIS REALITY.
NOTHING EVER GOES AS PLANNED IN THIS WORLD.
...THE VANQUISHED WILL ALSO EXIST.
SO LONG AS THERE IS A CONCEPT OF VICTORS...
LISTEN... EVERYWHERE IN THIS WORLD...
...WHEREVER LIGHT STRIKES, THERE ARE ALWAYS SHADOWS.
...AND HATRED IS BORN IN ORDER TO PROTECT LOVE.
THE SELFISH INTENT OF WANTING TO PRESERVE PEACE INITIATES WARS...

OLD PEOPLE GO ON FOREVER ONCE THEY START...
GREAT, HE'S STARTED A LECTURE...

...WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY?
SO...


NORMALLY, THAT IS...
THESE ALL ARE NEXUSES, CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT CANNOT BE SEPARATED...

...NO?
IN EXCHANGE FOR YOU GETTING INJURED, ANOTHER OR OTHERS WERE SAVED...



FWEEE
...!

THROB

UGH...!

I GOTTA ...

I CAN'T STAY HERE LONG!

SHUT UP ALREADY!!

THERE'S... SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS...!

WAIT A SECOND.

HUF

HUF

IF YOU CAN MOVE, THAT IS.

LEAVE IF YOU REALLY WANT TO...

FSH

WHAT'S A GEEZER WITH SHARINGAN DOING HERE ALL BY HIMSELF?!

SHUP

SHUP

GRAMPS... YOU'RE... A ROGUE NINJA, AREN'T YOU?
SHWP
ZSH
SHWP
WHO ARE YOU?!

...AND YET I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE...
COME TO THINK OF IT... I KNOW ALL OF KONOHA'S GEEZERS AND GRANNIES...
WHICH MEANS...
DRAG...
SO THIS GUY'S CURRENTLY NOT A KONOHA SHINOBI...

!

TUP

?!!

I AM... AN UCHIHA GHOST.

I'M UCHIHA MADARA.

...

M-MADARA...?!

...!!!

UCHIHA MADARA, AS IN MY ANCESTOR...?!

MADARA...?

SO YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO BELIEVE THAT I'M THE GRIM REAPER?

WELL, I SUPPOSE I MIGHT BE DEATH, IN A SENSE...

WHAT ERA ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?!

BUT MADARA HAD TO HAVE DIED YEARS AGO!

FOR THIS REALITY... TRULY IS HELL.

?

I'M A CHEATER OF DEATH WHO ***WOULD*** BE DEAD IN NO TIME FOR SURE... IF I WEREN'T...

...CONTINUOUSLY SIPHONING CHAKRA FROM THAT GEDO STATUE BEHIND ME...

ARGH!

THUD

I'M GOING HOME!!

GUR

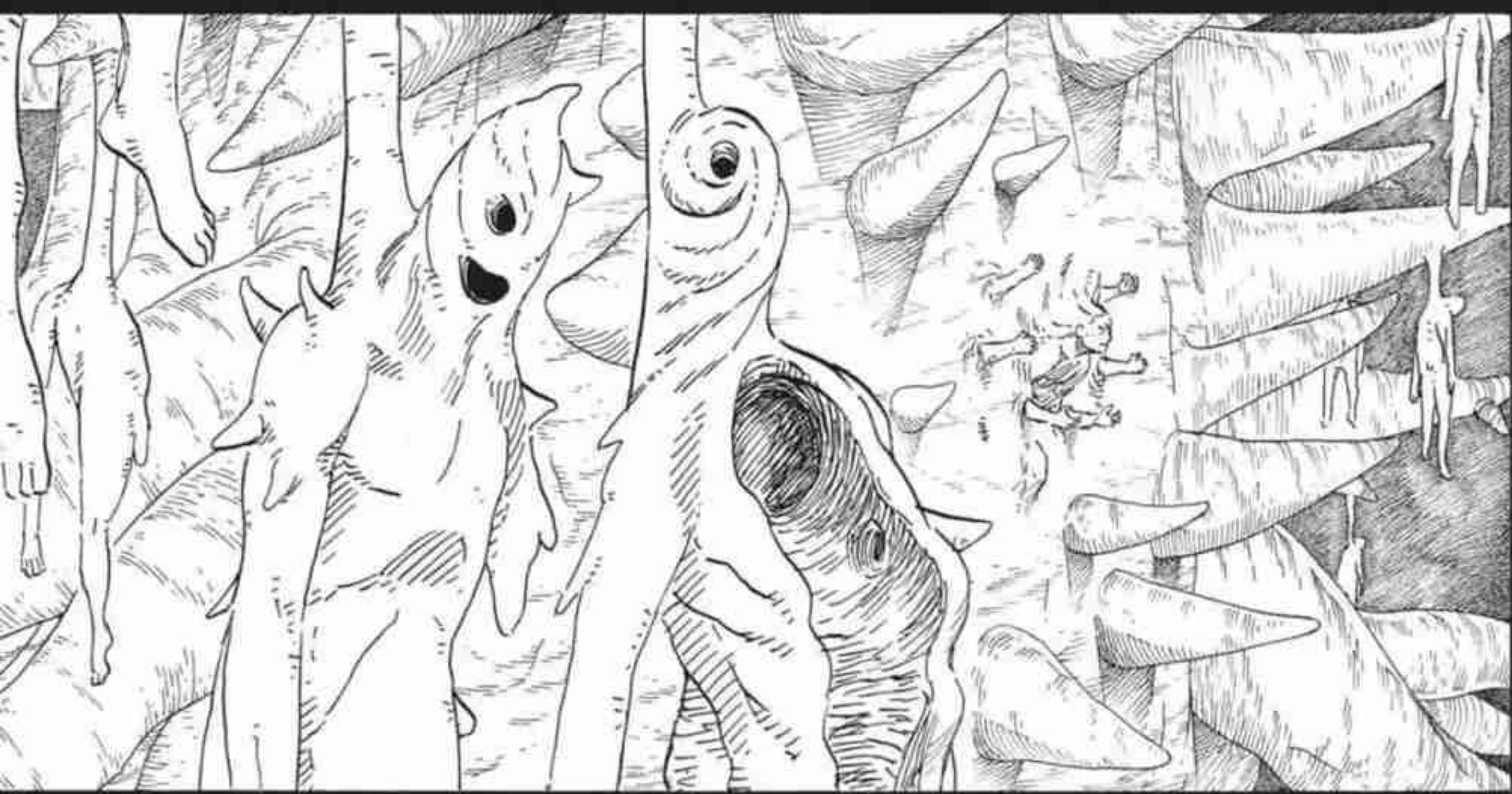
WITH THESE BODIES, AT LEAST.

NEITHER YOU NOR I CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I WOULDN'T BOTHER... THERE ARE NO EXITS HERE...

DO YOU WISH TO DIE?
IF YOU MOVE, THE SYNTHETIC HASHIRAMA TISSUE I WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF ATTACHING TO YOU WILL PEEL OFF...

UGH...!
DRAG...



I WENT TO GREAT PAINS TO SAVE YOU... DON'T RUSH TO YOUR DEATH.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I'D LIKE YOU TO DO FOR ME...FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

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KRIMP
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...TO SEVER THE FATE OF THIS WORLD.

WHAT DOES A CRAZY GEEZER LIKE YOU WANT FROM A BRAT LIKE ME?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

I SHALL CREATE SUCH WORLDS.

A WORLD OF ONLY PEACE.

A WORLD OF ONLY VICTORS.

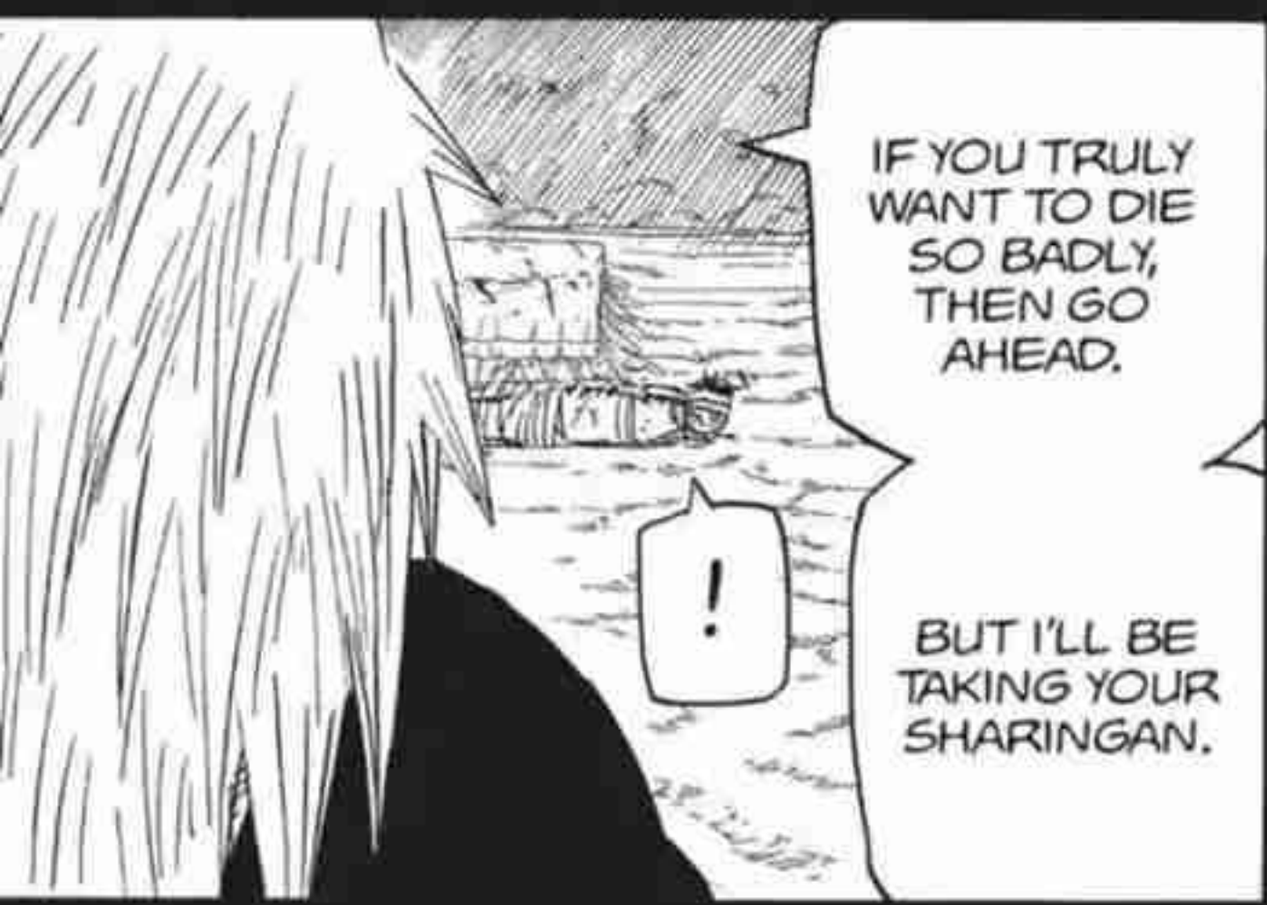
A WORLD OF ONLY LOVE.

YOU'LL EVENTUALLY CATCH ON TOO...

I TOLD YOU. THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED.

I JUST... WANNA GO BACK... TO EVERYONE!

SO WHAT! WHO CARES ...?!


IF YOU TRULY WANT TO DIE SO BADLY, THEN GO AHEAD.
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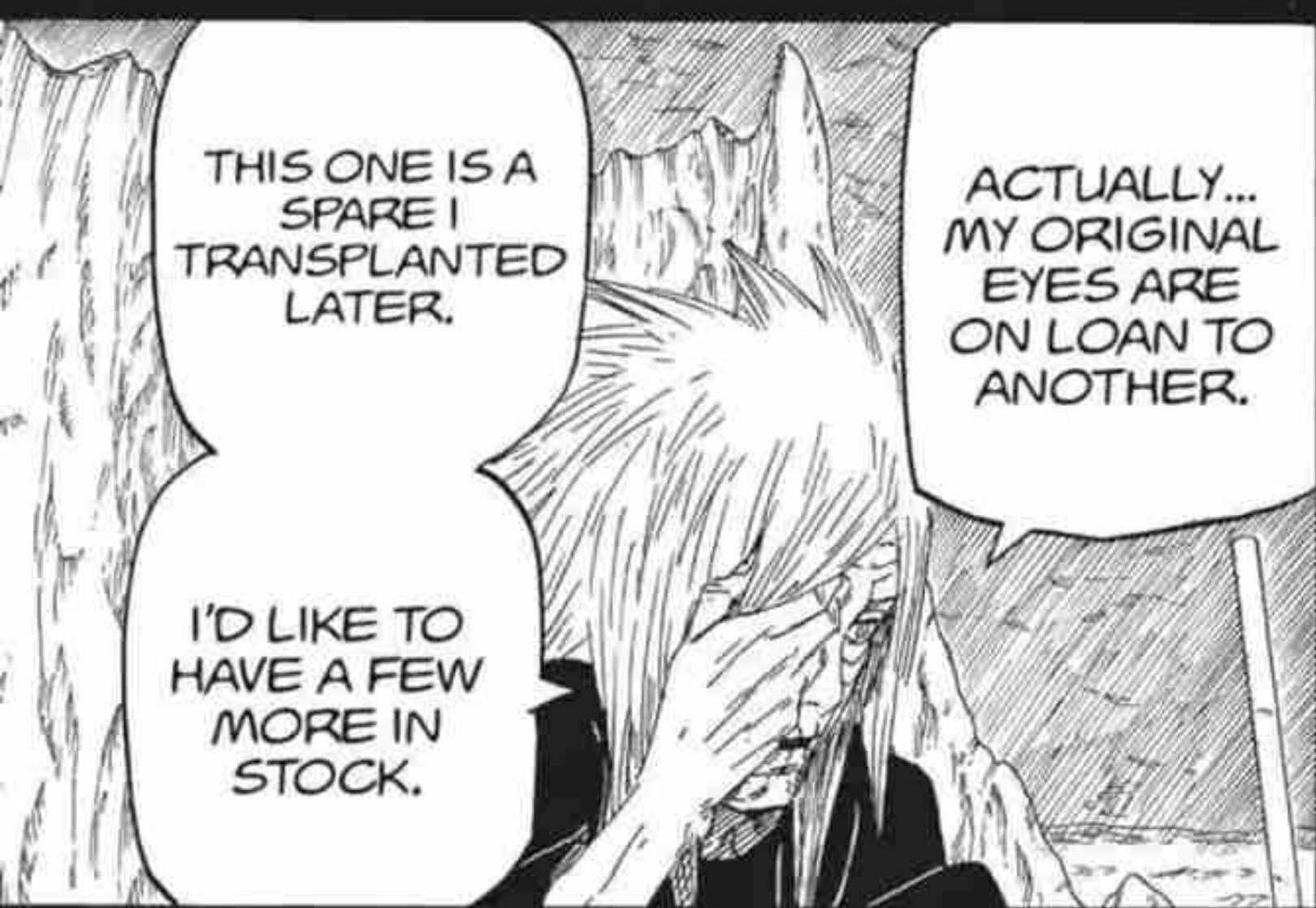
BUT I'LL BE TAKING YOUR SHARINGAN.

DRAG...


THIS ONE IS A SPARE I TRANSPLANTED LATER.
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FEW MORE IN STOCK.
ACTUALLY... MY ORIGINAL EYES ARE ON LOAN TO ANOTHER.

WHY DO YOU WANT MY EYE?!
YOU ALREADY HAVE SHARINGAN OF YOUR OWN!!

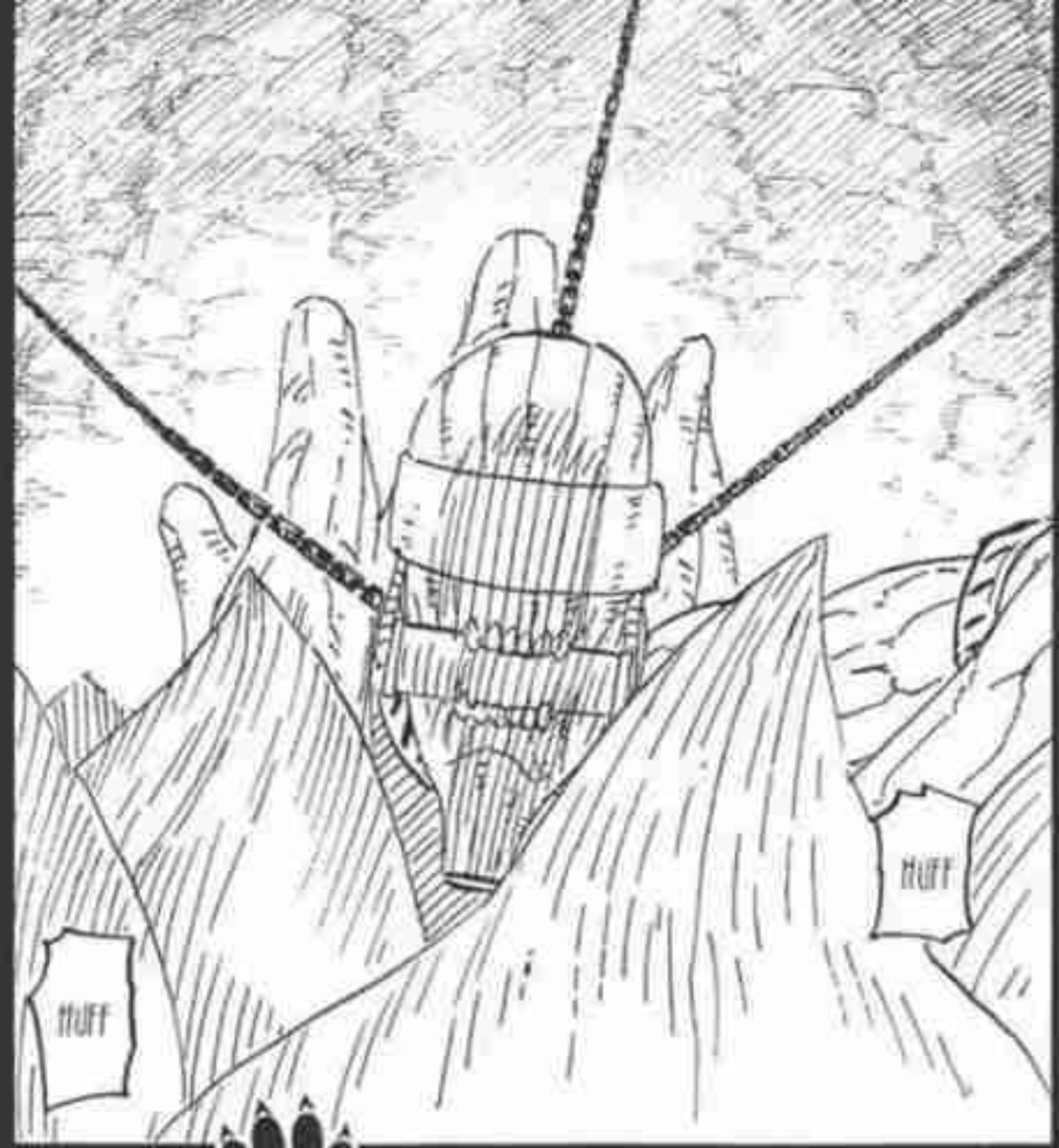
THEN...

AND ONLY WITH TWO TOGETHER CAN THE SHARINGAN'S TRUE POWER BE UNLEASHED.
I DON'T HAVE A RIGHT EYE YET...
FSH

JUST YOU WAIT, KAKASHI... RIN...!

I DEFINITELY CAN'T STAY HERE...

I'M ALIVE !!



Number 603: Rehab

SHADDUP!

FINE, PROVE THAT YOU'RE AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN I AM!

YOU MAY HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF HUMOR, BUT WHAT WE GOT IS MUCH BETTER!

BOTH OUR VOCABULARY SKILLS AND MENTAL ACUITY ARE FAR HIGHER THAN YOURS!

WE ARE...

...THE ONES...

...IN CHARGE OF WATCHING *YOU*!!

DON'T TALK IN SYNC! GEEZ, YOU GUYS ARE ANNOYING!!

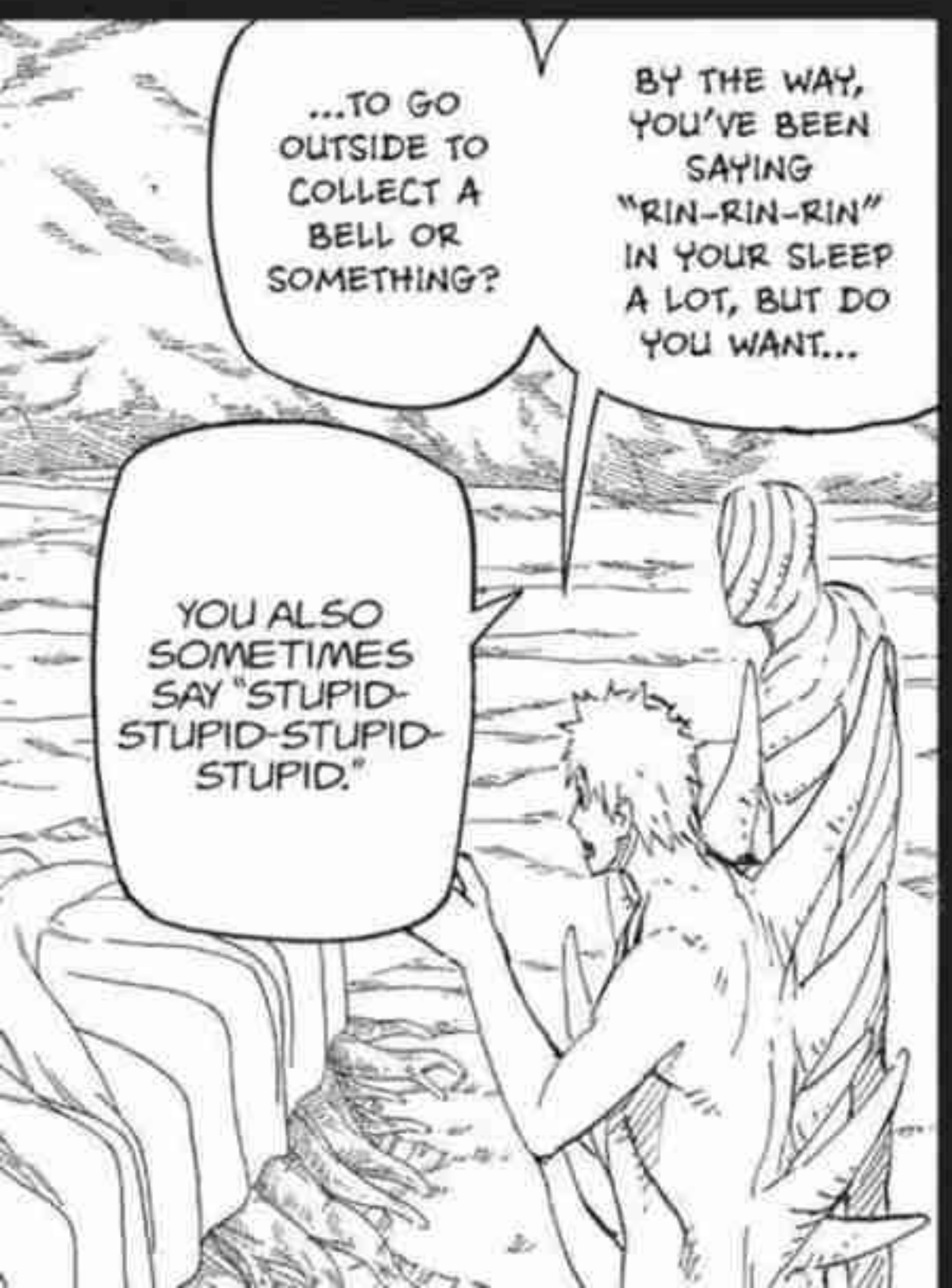
FEH!

SO HE GETS TO SLEEP THE WHOLE TIME WHILE THESE NOISY PUPPETS GUARD ME?!

WE'RE ONLY HELPING WITH YOUR REHAB...

...BECAUSE MADARA ORDERED US TO GET YOU UP AND RUNNING AND USABLE BY THE TIME HE WAKES UP...

I SWEAR I'M GONNA GET OUTTA HERE AND GO BACK TO RIN AND KAKASHI!!



I REALLY SAY THAT...? SERIOUSLY ...?

...

WHISPER WHISPER

BEATS ME... WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM?

WHAT'S A STUPID-KAKASHI?

YEAH, YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! EVERY SO OFTEN.

AND "STUPID-KAKASHI."

WHY ARE YOU GUYS SO OBSESSED WITH POOP?!!

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STUPID-KAKASHI!!

THE CALL OF NATURE!

IN SHORT, WHAT DOES THE URGE TO POO FEEL LIKE? FOR EXAMPLE...

UM... MAY WE ASK YOU SOMETHING?

WHIRL

WHAT ?!

OUTSIDE TO COLLECT INTEL...

AND WHERE'D THE OTHER WHITE GUYS GO?

I ESPECIALLY HATE YOU... YOU WITH THE WHIRLY FACE!

FINE, WE'LL ASK YOU ABOUT RIN AND STUPID-KAKASHI LATER!

THERE'S NO NEED TO GET HUFFY...

...WHERE I HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THIS WEIRD STUFF...
SO I GET LOCKED UP IN THIS PLACE...

WE ALL CAN MOVE THROUGH THE EARTH'S SURFACE.
WHAT? FOR REAL...?

HUH?!!
YOU GUYS CAN GO OUTSIDE?!!

SOMETHING ABOUT SEVERING FATE AND ALL...
WELL, MADARA'S NOT NICE ENOUGH TO TALK ON A BRAT'S LEVEL.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M REFERRING TO! I MEAN MADARA!
SO SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU ABOUT POO!

EVEN THOSE WHO ARE DEAD CAN BE ALIVE AGAIN!
SINCE IT'S A DREAM, EVERYTHING IS AS YOU WANT IT!
INSIDE A DREAM ...?

...HE'S TALKING ABOUT DISCARDING ALL THE BAD THINGS IN THE REAL WORLD AND ESCAPING INSIDE A DREAM THAT'S FULL OF GOOD THINGS!
WELL, TO PUT IT VERY SIMPLY...

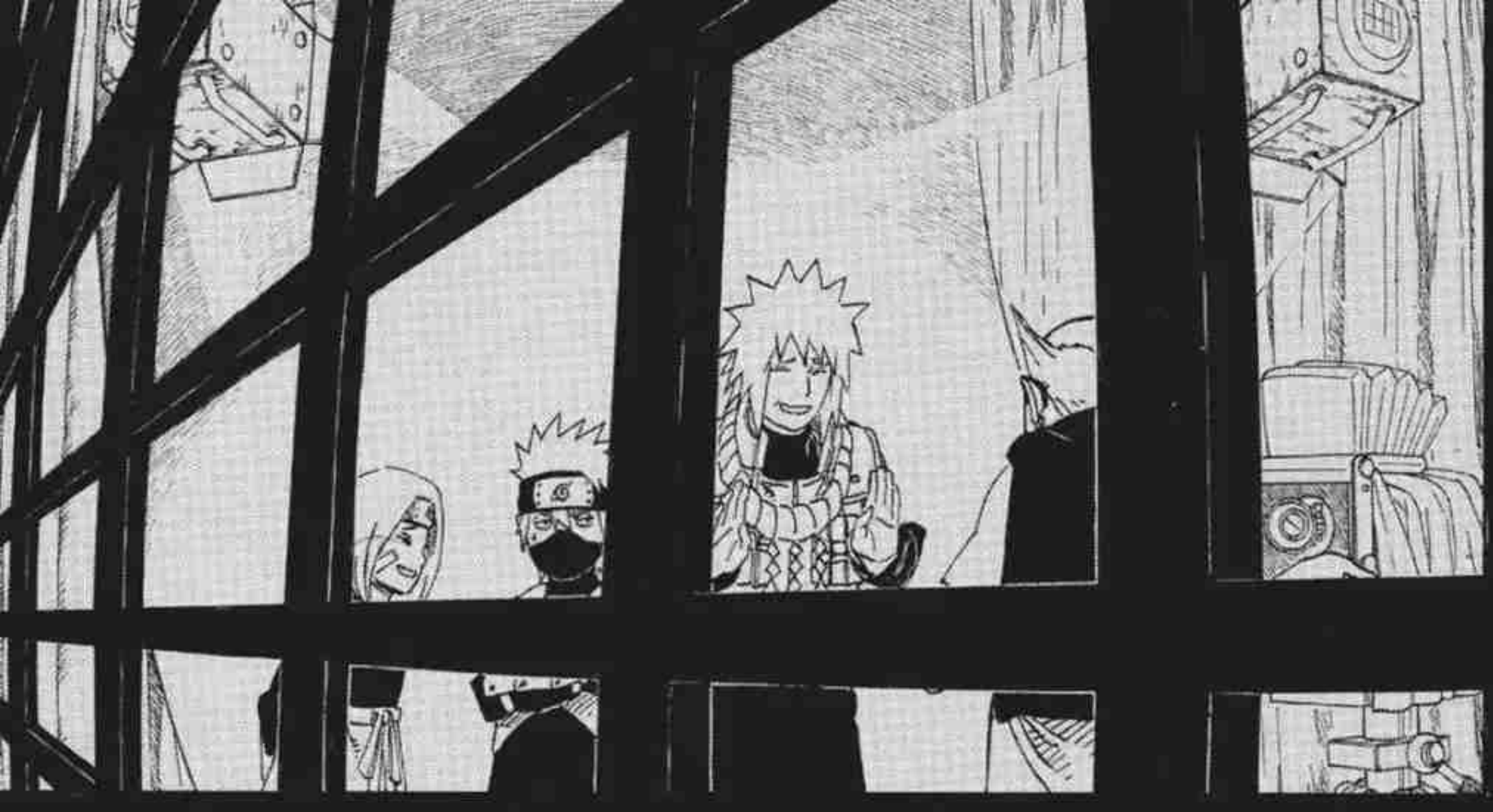
NOW THAT'S SO STUPID I'M SPEECHLESS.
WITH GENJUTSU ...?

WELL, IT'S MORE LIKE FORCIBLY TAKING EVERYONE THERE... AND FOR LIFE TOO.
HMM... YEAH...
JUST THINK OF IT AS ALL OF US GOING TO THIS HUGE DREAM WORLD THAT WAS CREATED USING GENJUTSU!

OH REALLY... WELL, I'M NOT INTERESTED.
MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

IT'S JUST THAT HE'S WEAK RIGHT NOW AND CAN'T DO IT YET... MUCH MUST BE PREPARED.
IF YOU HAVE AS MUCH POWER AS MADARA, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE...

I SWEAR I'M GONNA MAKE IT OUTSIDE!



UGH...!
QUIVER
QUIVER

WOBBLE...
UGH...!

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HUFF
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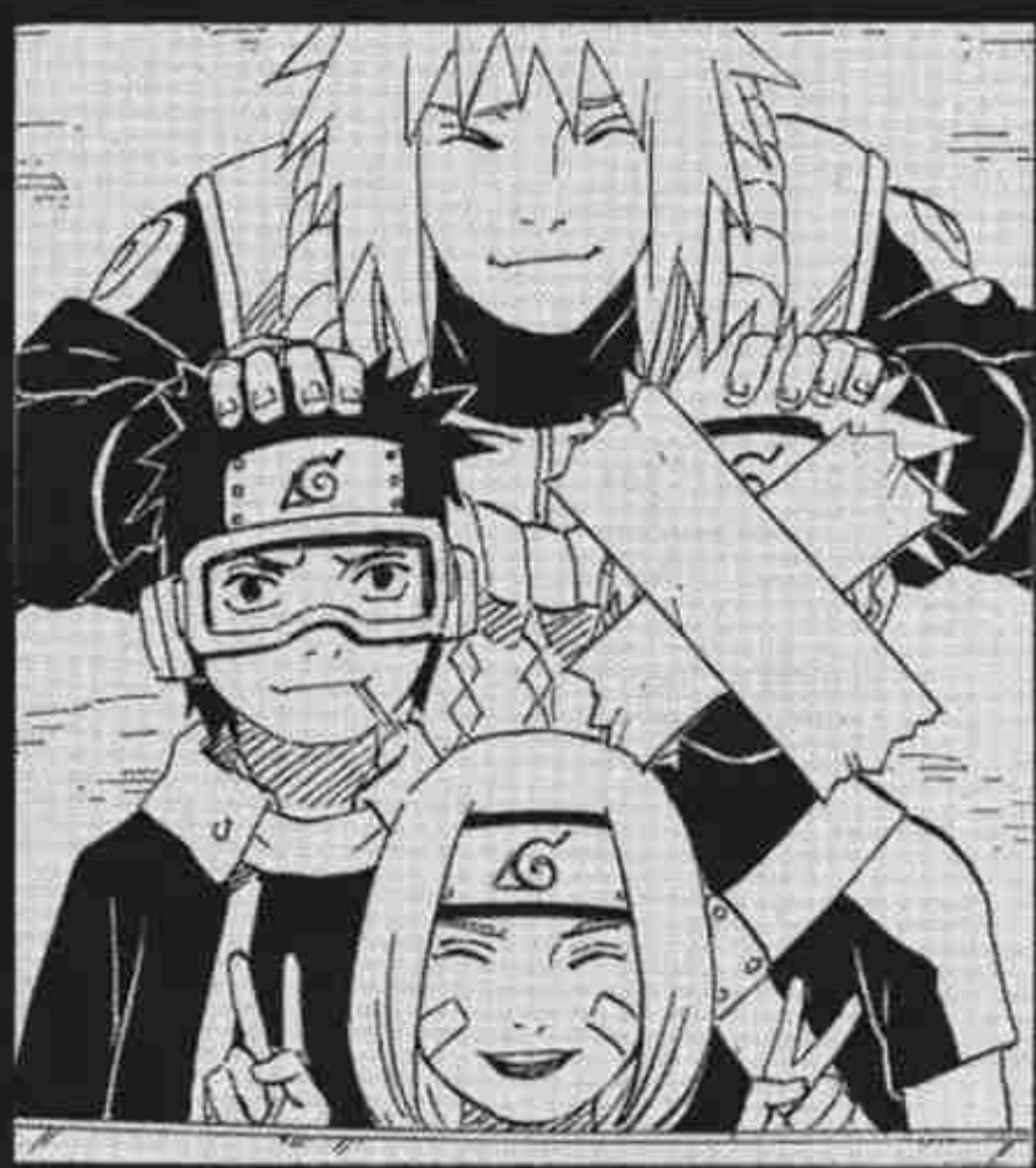
HUFF

YIPPEE!
KLENCH



HACK
HUFF
HUFF
QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER

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...!

*TREE: KAKASHI

HUP

HUP

KLANG KLANG KLANG

WHIP WHIP WHIP WHIP

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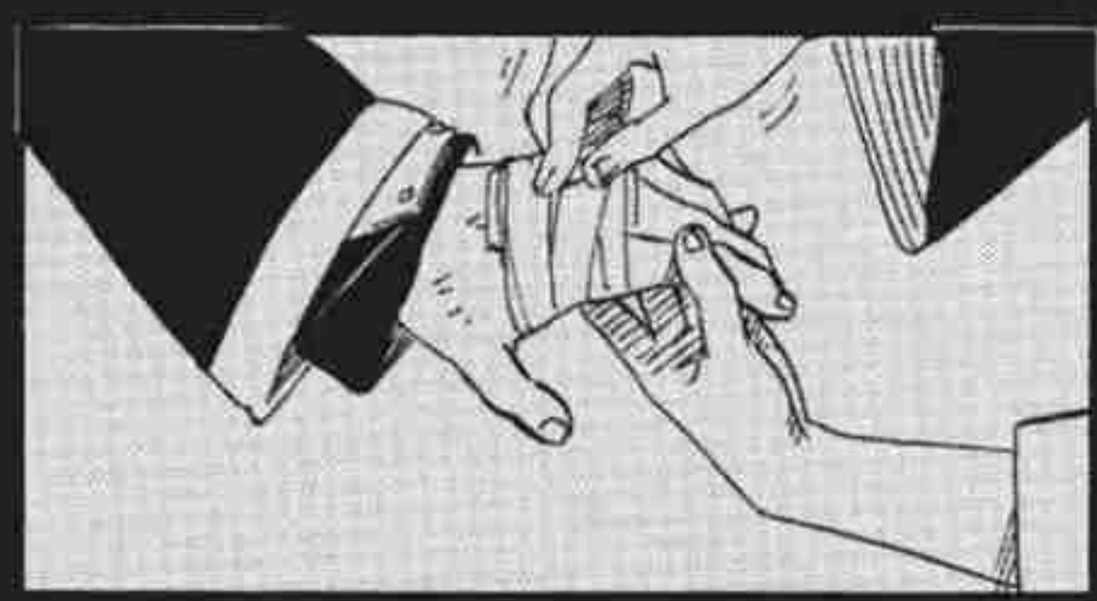

WHIRL
WSH

...
DON'T ACT TOUGH AND HIDE YOUR WOUNDS!

I'M ALWAYS WATCHING, YOU KNOW.

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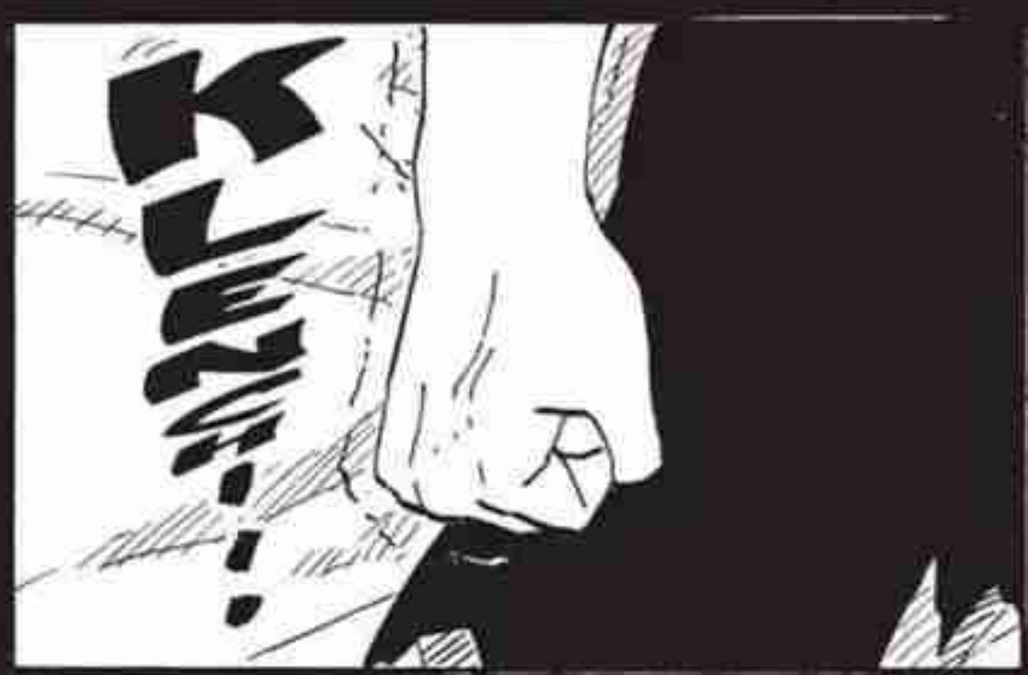
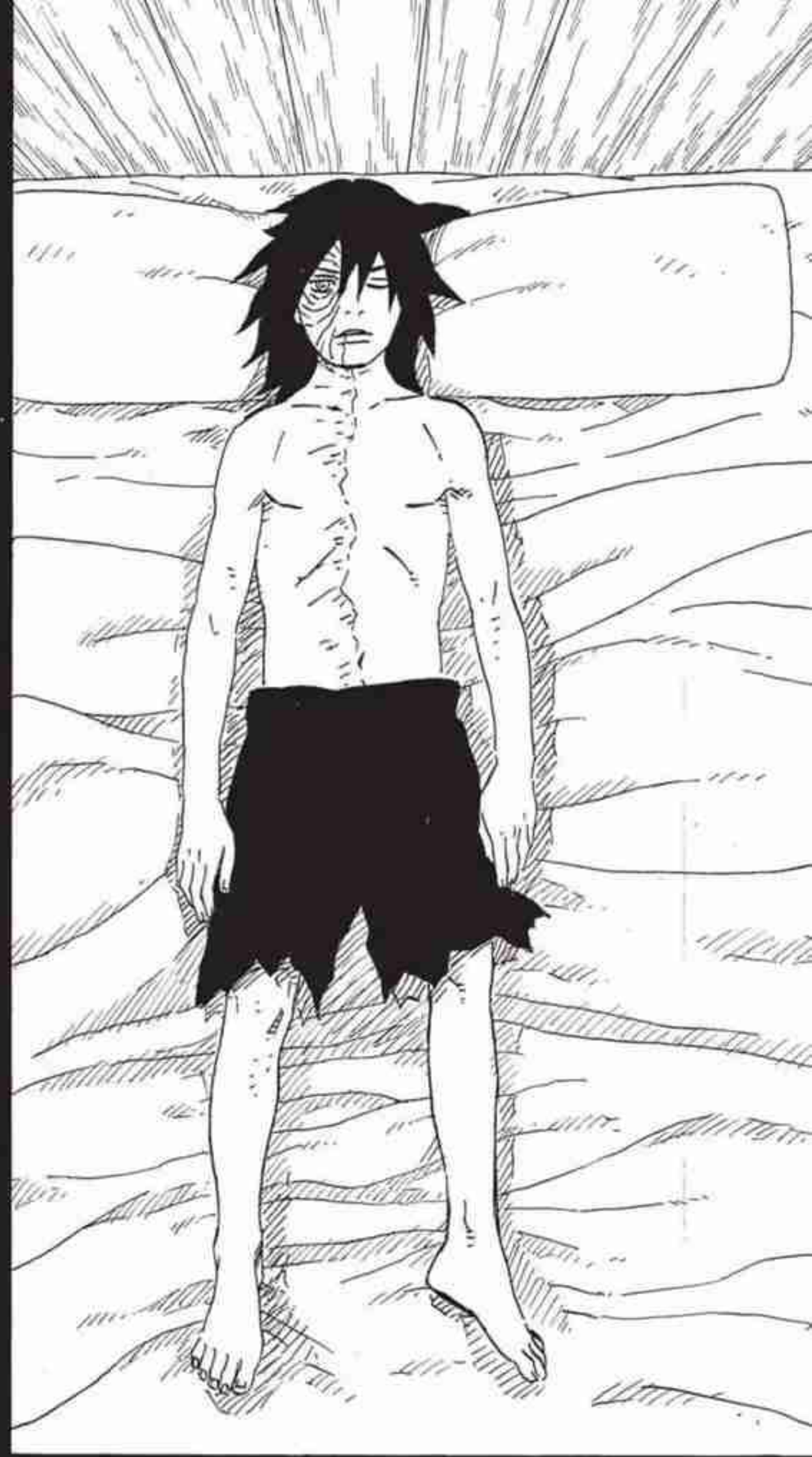

KLEZW!!

FLEX
IT'S STARTING TO FEEL NATURAL...



I'LL BE SEEING YOU SOON... RIN... KAKASHI...!!
JUST A BIT LONGER...

YOUR FRIENDS RIN AND STUPID-KAKASHI ARE IN A REAL PINCH!!

ZWW

HEY, I WAS JUST OUTSIDE!!

ZWWW

THEY'RE BY THEMSELVES, COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY KIRIGAKURE SHINOBI!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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ZUKPP

ARGH!!

...GO HELP RIN AND KAKASHI...!

I'VE GOT TO...

YOU CAN'T BREAK THROUGH BOULDERS WITH THAT BODY YET.

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FWAP

WHY DON'T YOU WEAR MY BODY?

P

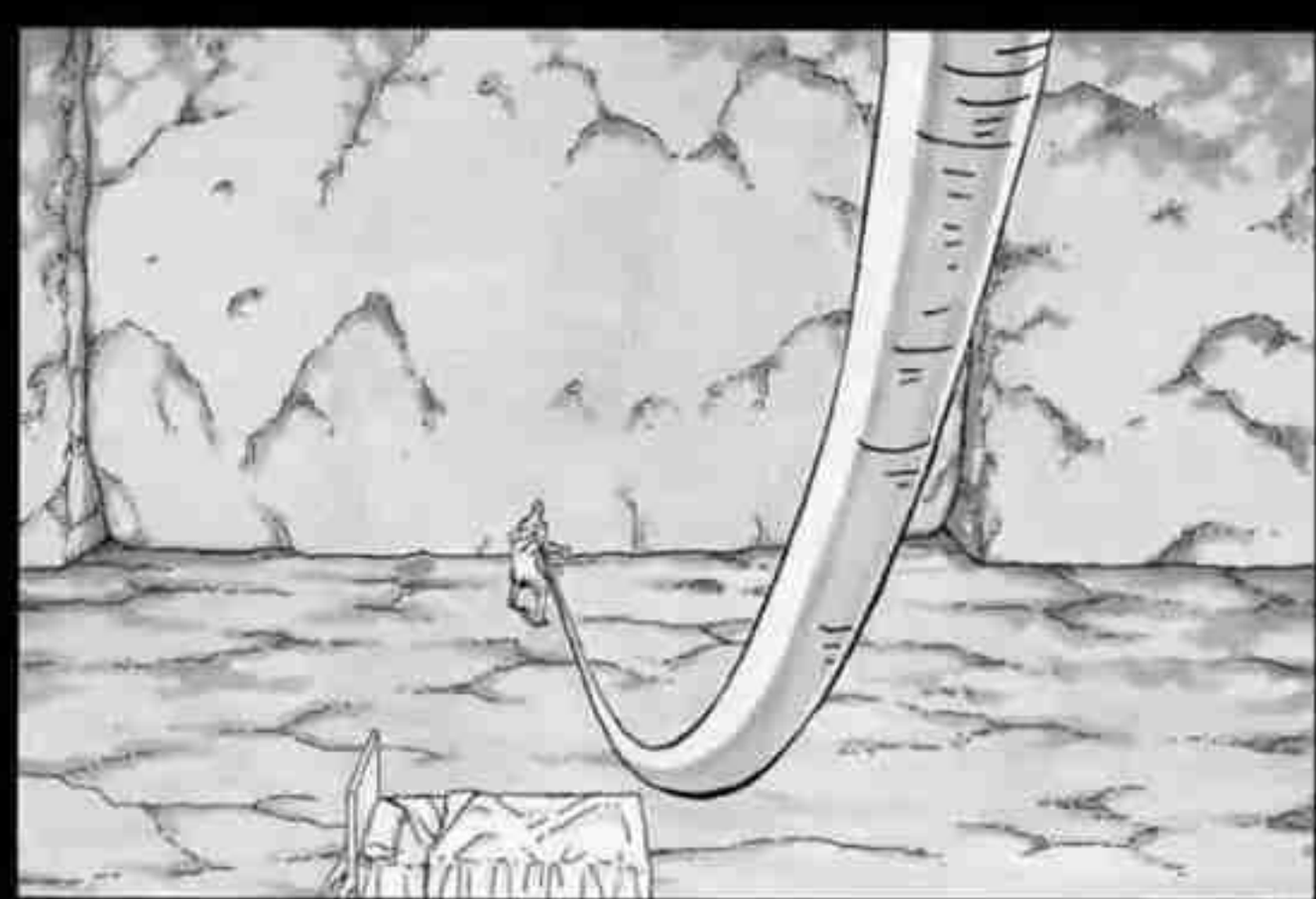
ZWW...

...

THANKS, YOU GUYS!!

SHUP

KLENCH



Number 604: Reunion, and Then...

NARUTO

MRS
UA
YOU KEPT THE TETHER AND BORROWED THE STATUE'S POWER, EH...?
NICE...

I'M PRETTY GOOD, HUH?

BOK

KLATTER KLATTER KLAT TER

ALL RIGHT ...!!
ZWW

ZWWWW

GRAB
SNAP

SO YOU'RE GOING...?

WHO
...
SH

YOU'RE BEING TOO HASTY.
IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO THANK ME...

...BUT I'M LEAVING! I HAVE TO GO!
I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU SAVED ME...
TOSS

YOU...

I'VE GIVEN MY THANKS.

I'M GOING!

I'LL PROBABLY NEVER COME BACK HERE...

AND THAT'S WHEN I'LL GET YOUR TRUE GRATITUDE.

...WILL RETURN.

TAKE ME THERE RIGHT AWAY!!

WHITE ONE! WHAT'S RIN AND KAKASHI'S LOCATION?!

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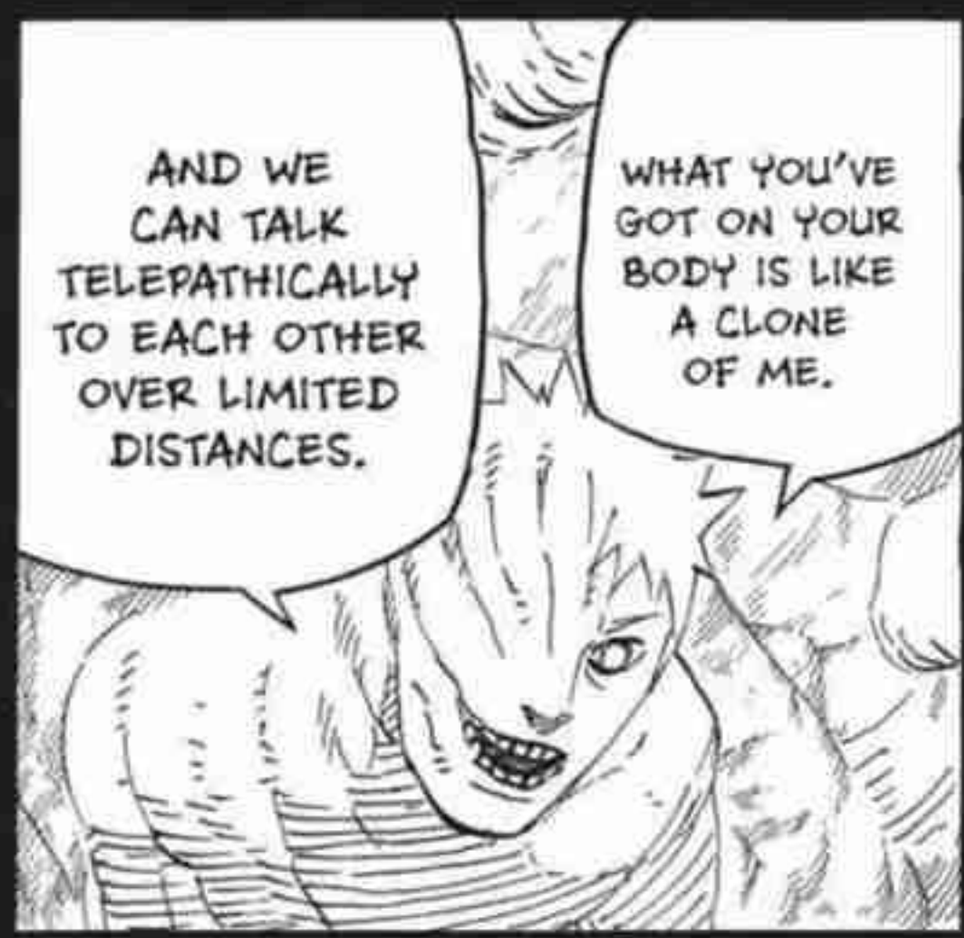
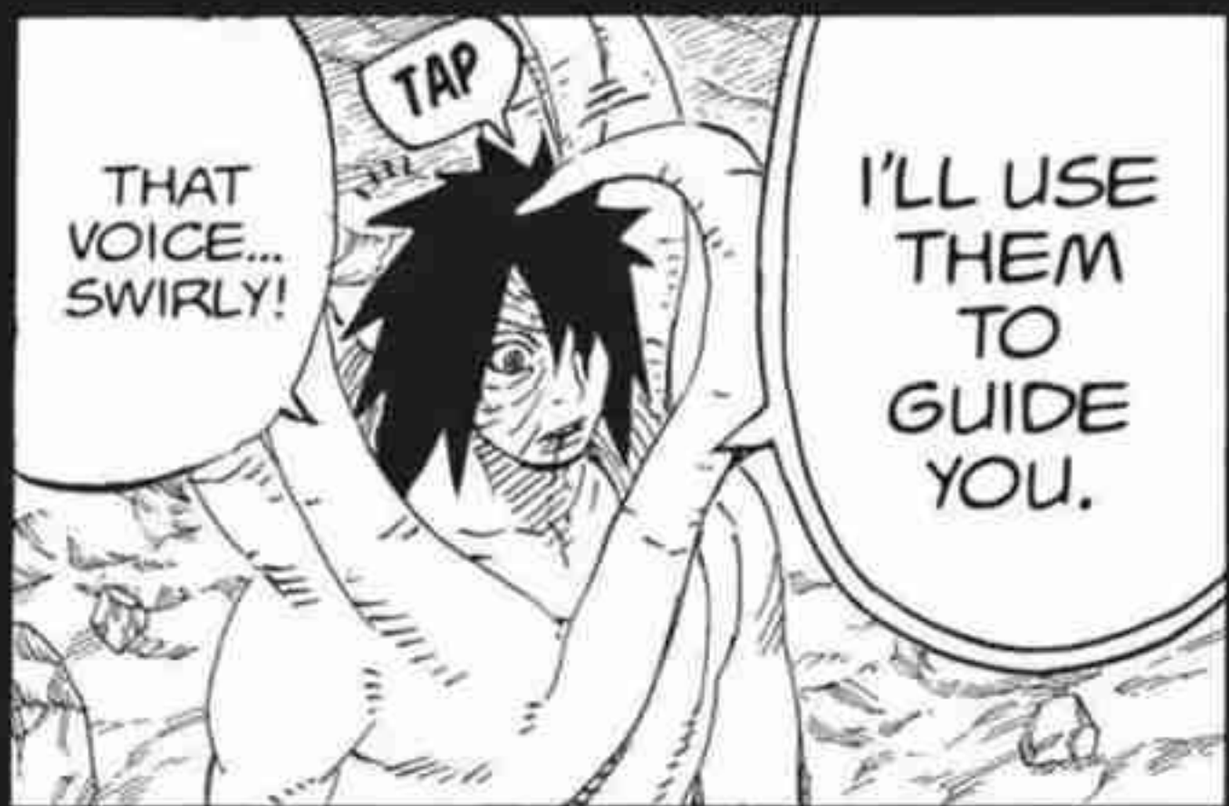
FSH

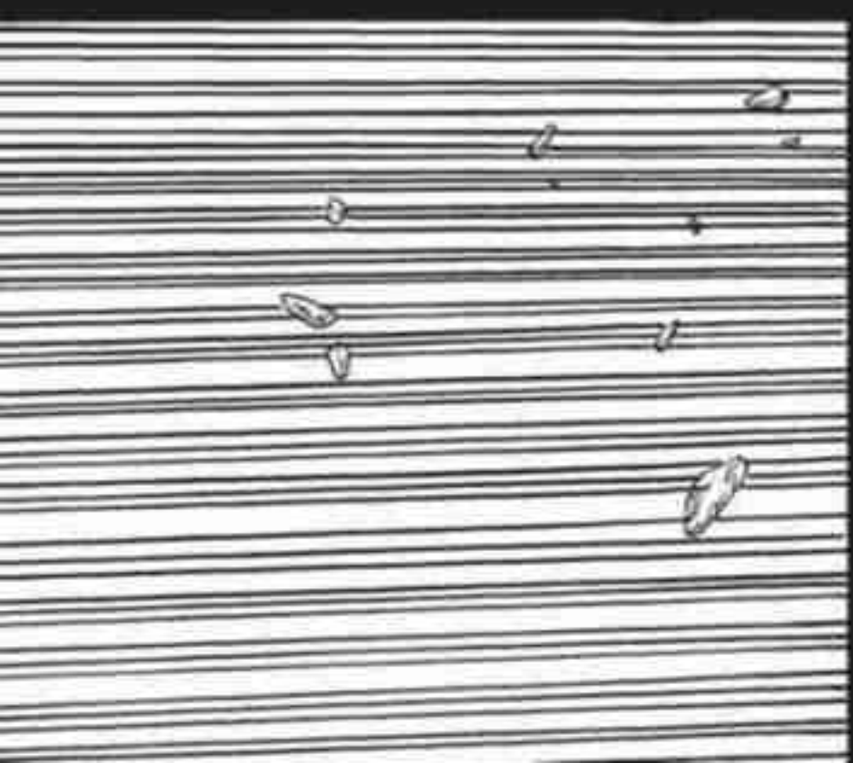
OTHERS OF US ARE SCATTERED HERE AND THERE UNDERGROUND.
WE ARE ABLE TO EXCHANGE INTEL.

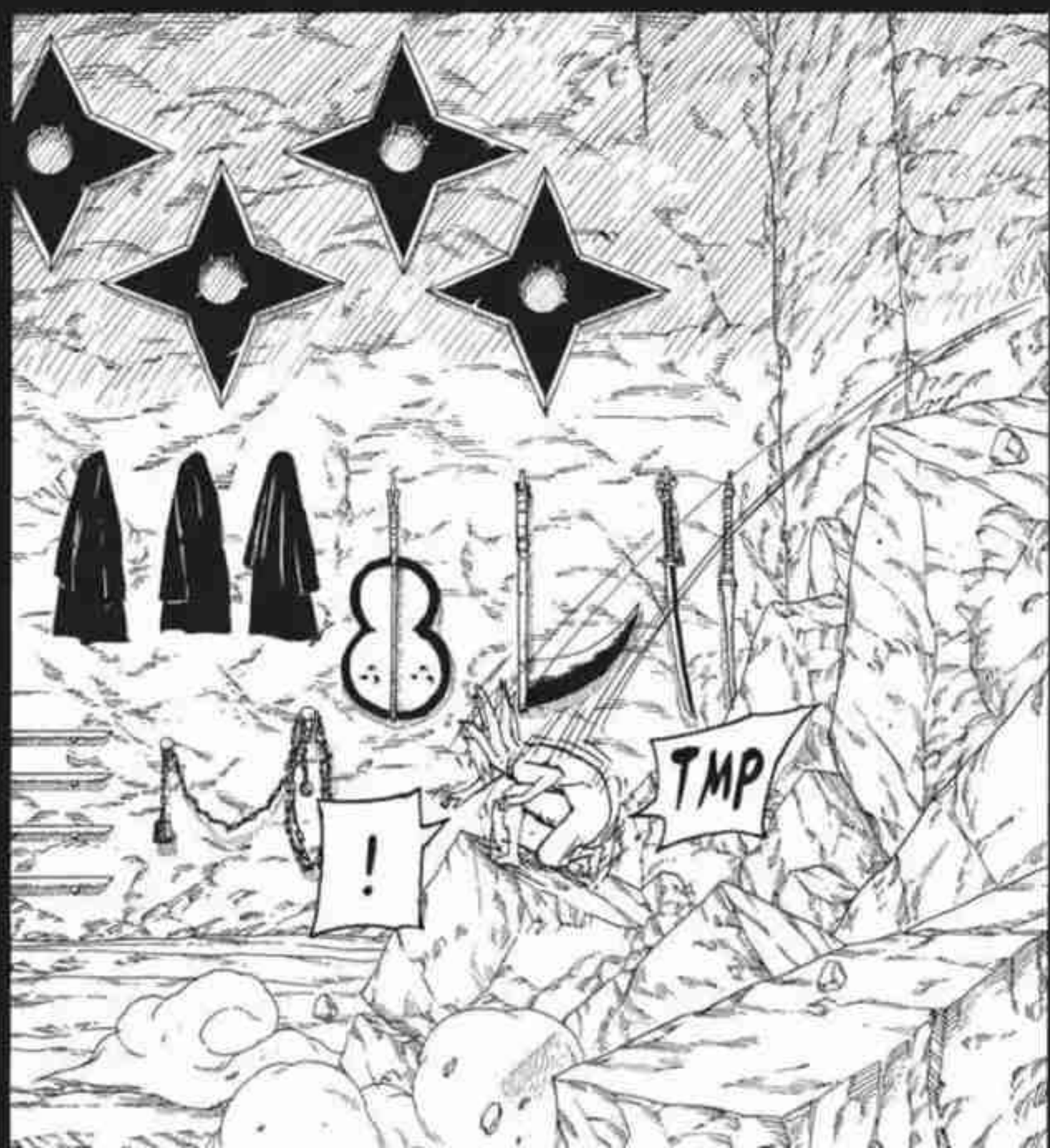

AND WE CAN TALK TELEPATHICALLY TO EACH OTHER OVER LIMITED DISTANCES.
WHAT YOU'VE GOT ON YOUR BODY IS LIKE A CLONE OF ME.

THANKS!
TAK


TAP
THAT VOICE... SWIRLY!
I'LL USE THEM TO GUIDE YOU.

GRB

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TMP

...
WHAT'S THE CURRENT STATUS ON RIN AND KAKASHI?

SOUNDS LIKE ALL OF THEM APPEAR TO BE MASTER JÔNIN OR BLACK OPS...

IN ANY CASE, IT SEEMS RIN AND KAKASHI ARE BOTH TOTALLY SURROUNDED!

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME KIRIGAKURE EXPERIMENTAL BODIES... BUT I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND.

ACCORDING TO THE OTHERS, IT SOUNDS PRETTY BAD!

?

SHUP

HUP

TAK

I'M ASKING YOU WHAT THE YELLOW FLASH IS UP TO!

WHO?

WHAT'S MASTER MINATO DOING?!

AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?!
IT SEEMS HE'S ON SOME DIFFERENT MISSION.
MMM...
DON'T WORRY...
LOOK AFTER RIN... FOR ME...

PLEASE...
YOU PROMISED ME!
...
KAKASHI ...!
PLEASE PROTECT RIN!!
WHAT IS IT?!
OBITO... IT'S LIKELY GOING TO COME TO BATTLE...
SO I WANT TO SAY SOME THINGS BEFOREHAND ...
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!
SHOOK
SHOOK

SO... WHAT?!

YOUR FIGHTING ABILITY IS LOWER THAN MINE.
PLUS RIGHT NOW, IT'S LIKE MY BIG BODY...
...IS WRAPPED AROUND AND PROTECTING YOUR WOUNDED LITTLE BODY, SO...

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF I DO ALL THE FIGHTING...

REMEMBER WHAT MADARA SAID?
THAT ONLY WITH TWO TOGETHER CAN THE SHARINGAN'S TRUE POWER BE UNLEASHED!

MY OTHER SHARINGAN HALF, KAKASHI, IS ON THE BATTLEFIELD!
OUR COMBO ATTACKS ARE SUPERIOR!

KAKASHI AND I *WILL* PROTECT RIN!!

A WHOLE DIFFERENT STRENGTH MAY EMERGE...

...WHEN SENJU AND UCHIHA POWER ARE COMBINED TOGETHER, BUT...

WELL, YOU DO HAVE HASHIRAMA TISSUE ATTACHED TO YOU...

THR

PLIP

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PLIP

PLIP

BZP

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BZP

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SHOOO...

GOT WORD FROM THE OTHERS... IT SEEMS...
I THOUGHT IT WAS RAIN, BUT IT'S THAT...

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OOO...

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
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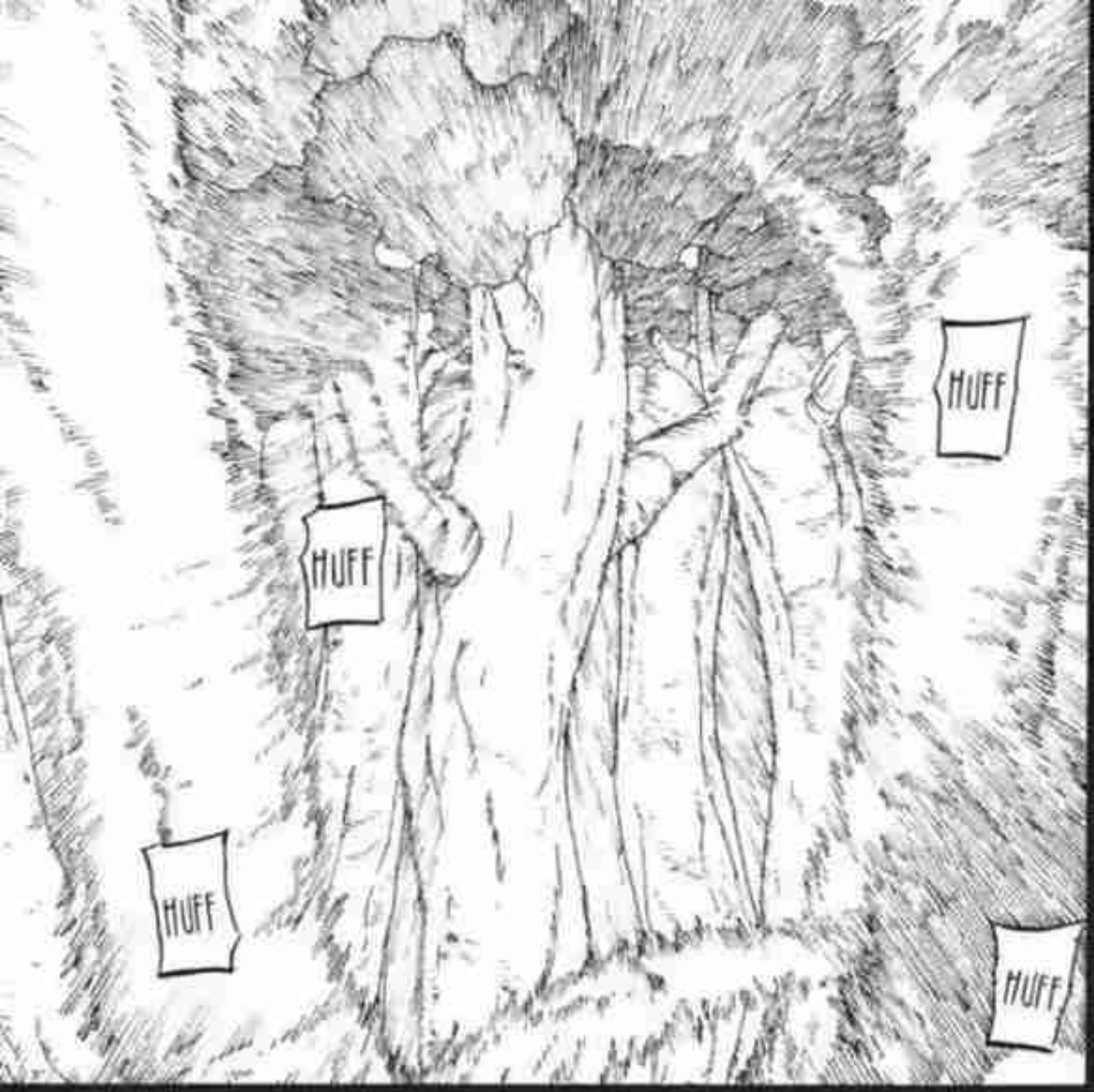
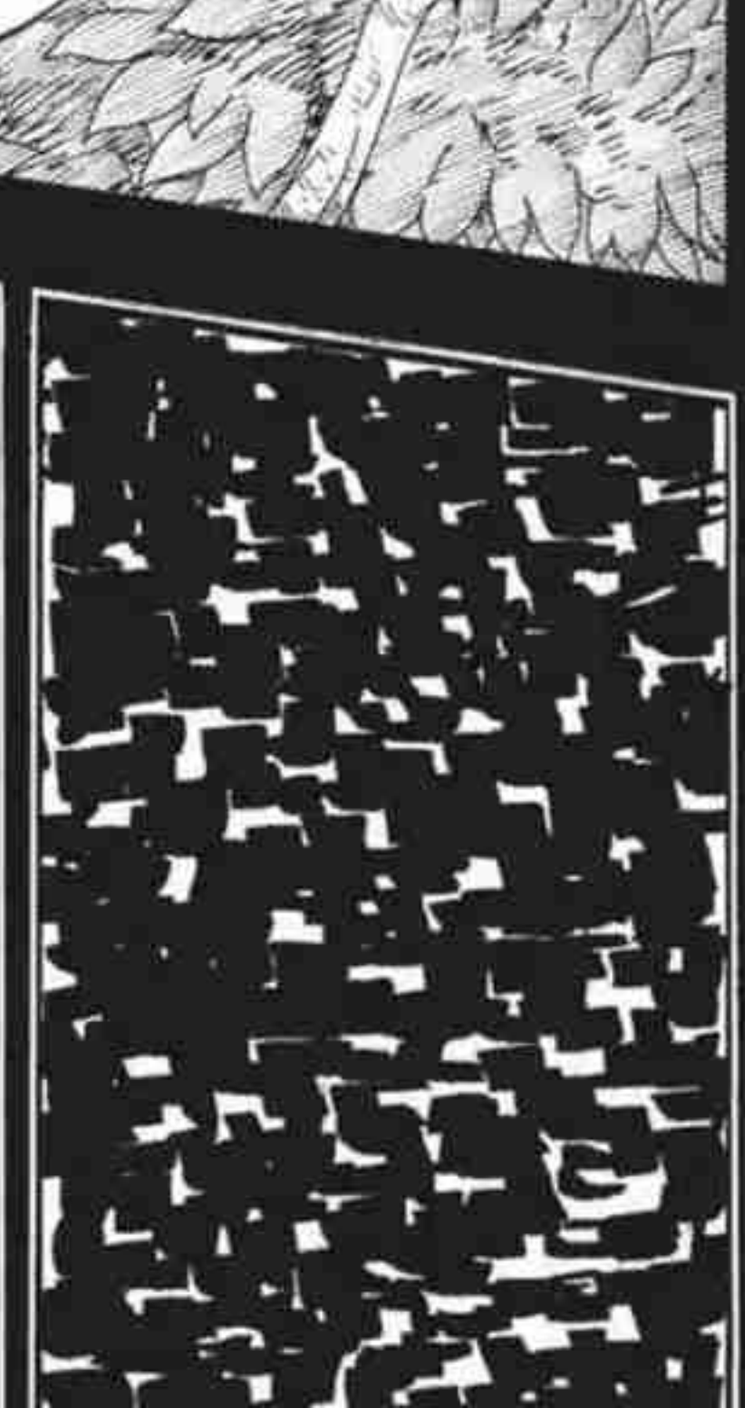
O
...THAT'S THE LOCATION.

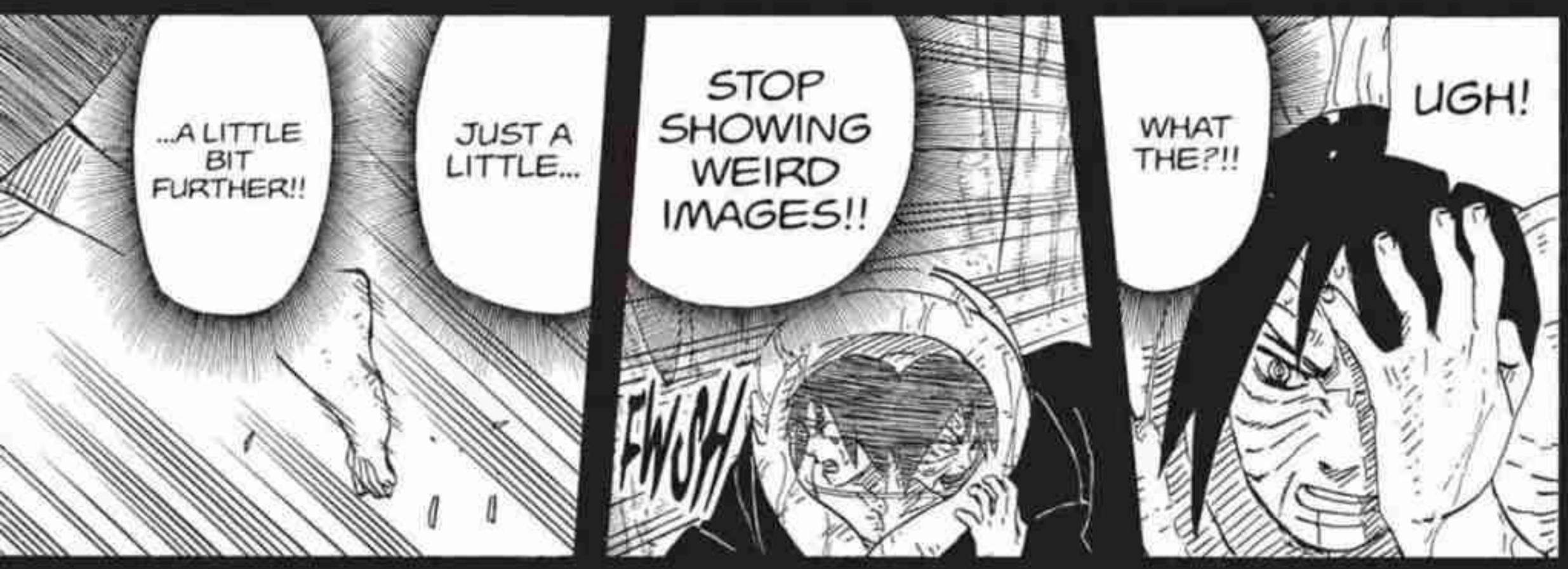

MUFF
MUFF
MUFF
MUFF

LET'S GO!!

UGH!!
THUD

!!




...A LITTLE BIT FURTHER!!
JUST A LITTLE...
STOP SHOWING WEIRD IMAGES!!
FWOSH
WHAT THE?!!
UGH!

SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM

!!
TIMP

KAKASHI
...

SHF

HACK

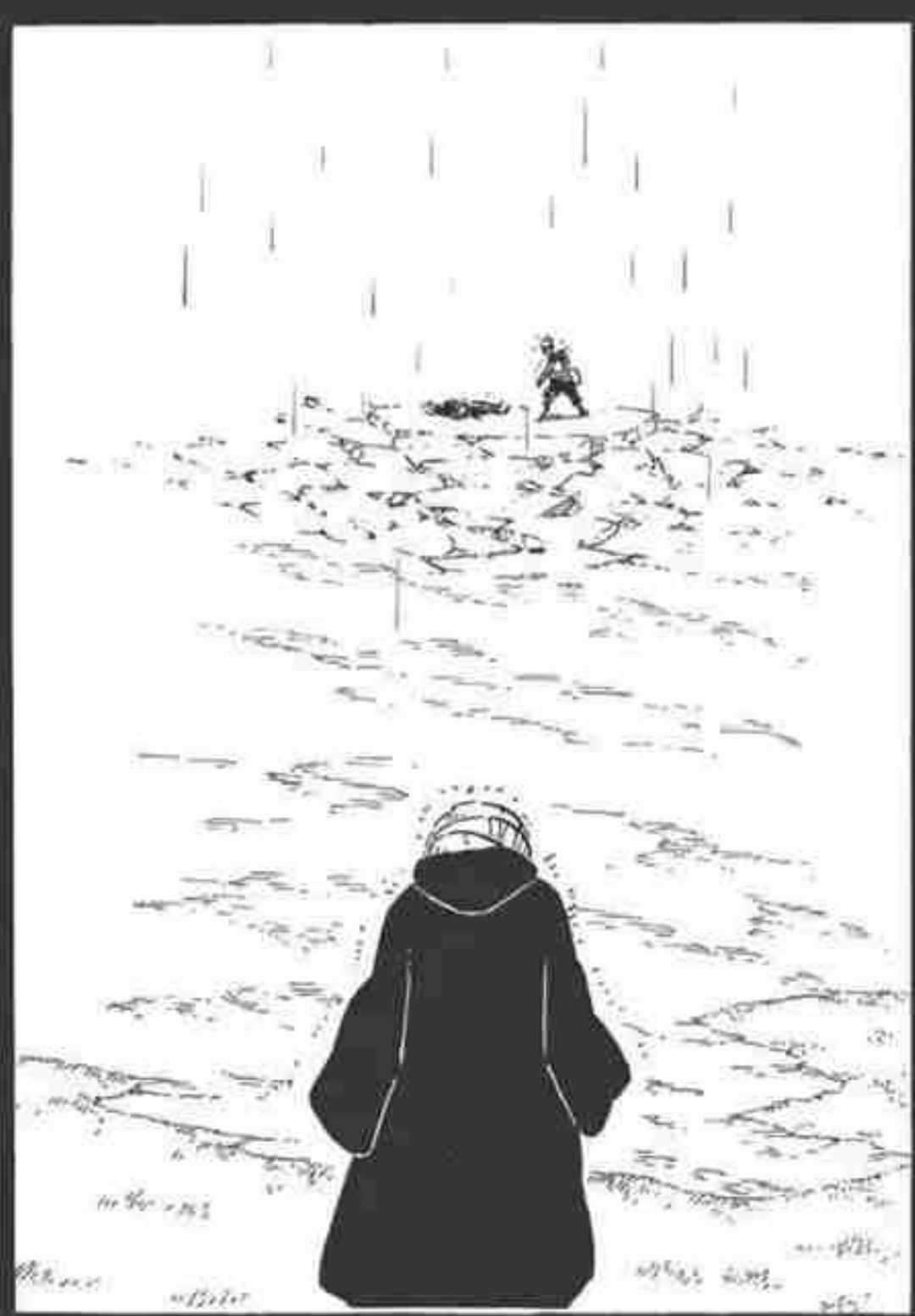
...

ZW
OP

FSH
SLIP

SHF
TMP

Number 605: Hell



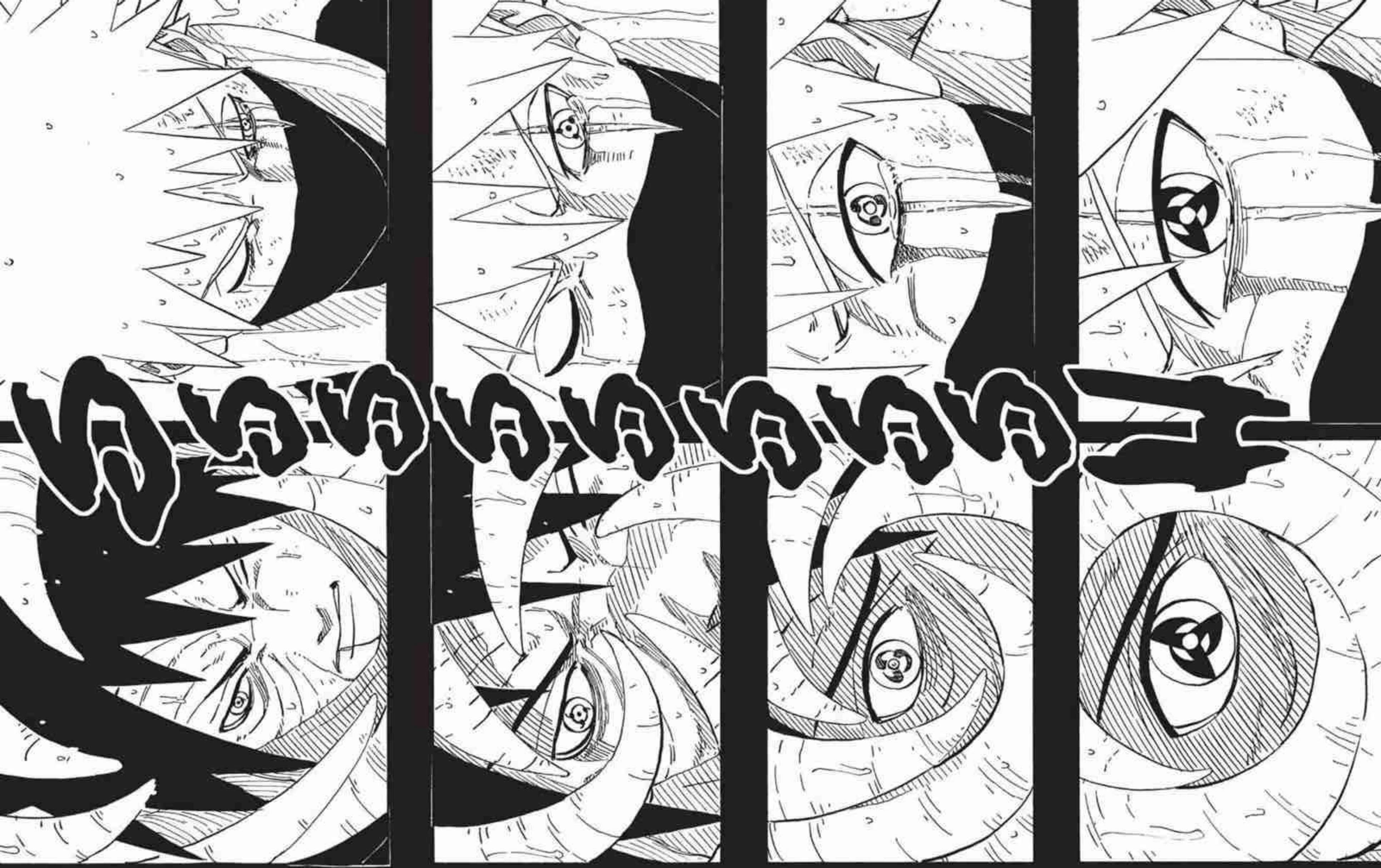
GG GG

SWOOOO

AFTER WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO GET HER!
DAMN! HE DID IT!

ZW
ISH

HUFF
HUFF
...RIN...
SLUMP
THUD



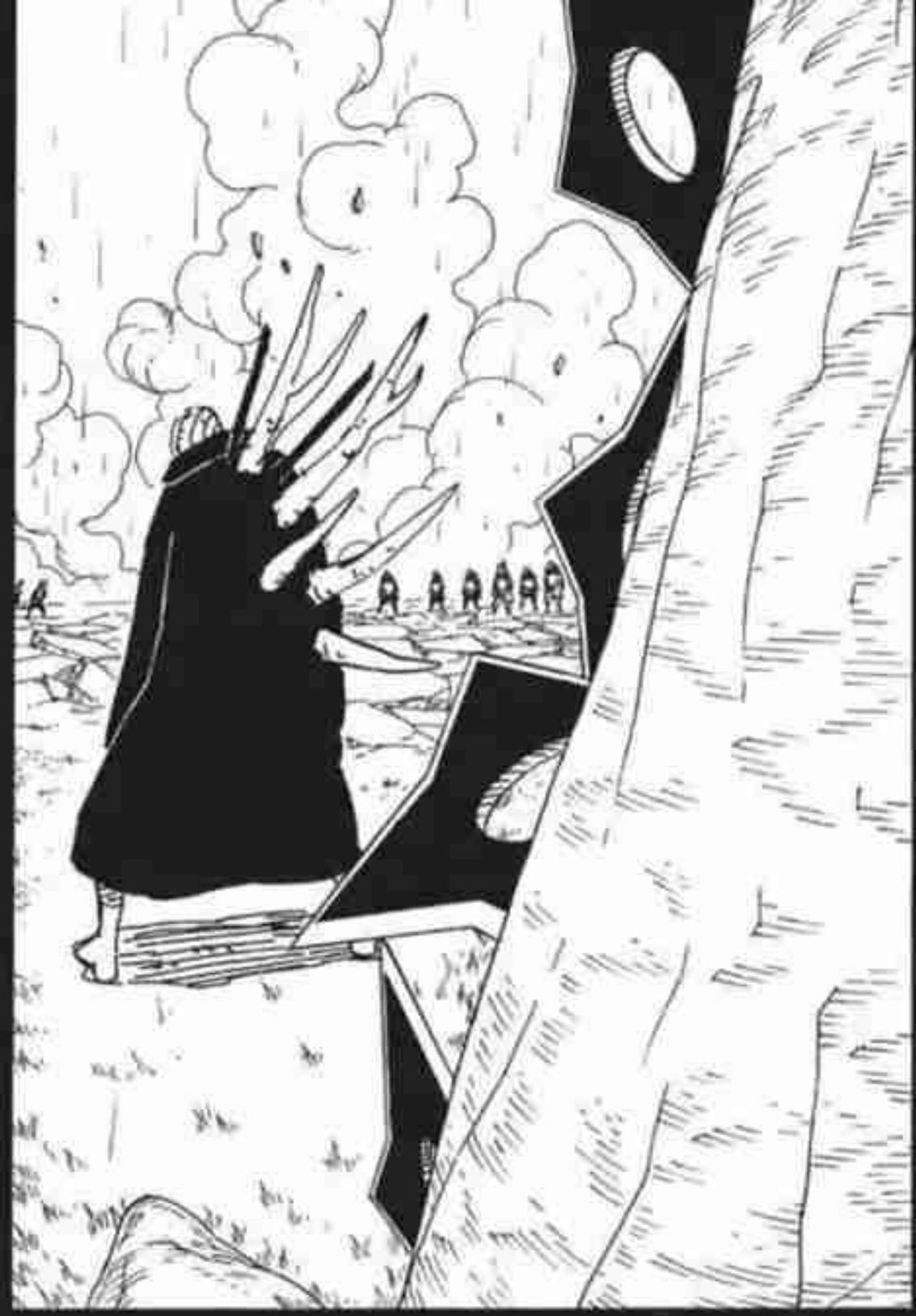
SIK EEN FSH...
WHERE...
AHHHHHH!!
WHUD
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
?!!

MISH

RAAA...

...IS THIS PLACE...?!

GRRR...
I WILL...


RARARAR

HE DODGED THEM...?
WHAT... JUST HAP-PENED?

DO NOT MOCK THE VILLAGE OF THE BLOODY MIST!!
SHO
OM
K

...NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THIS!!!
RAAA!!!

!!!!
AARGH !!!
KRAK. KRAK. KRAK.
SPLACH

SHW
ZHW
AIEE...

TMP
!!

KIN
SS

SHKEE
DIE!!

WE CAN'T HIT HIM...?
?!!
SH
-SH
?!!
AAARGH!!!
THO
THO THO
YAH!!
THOK

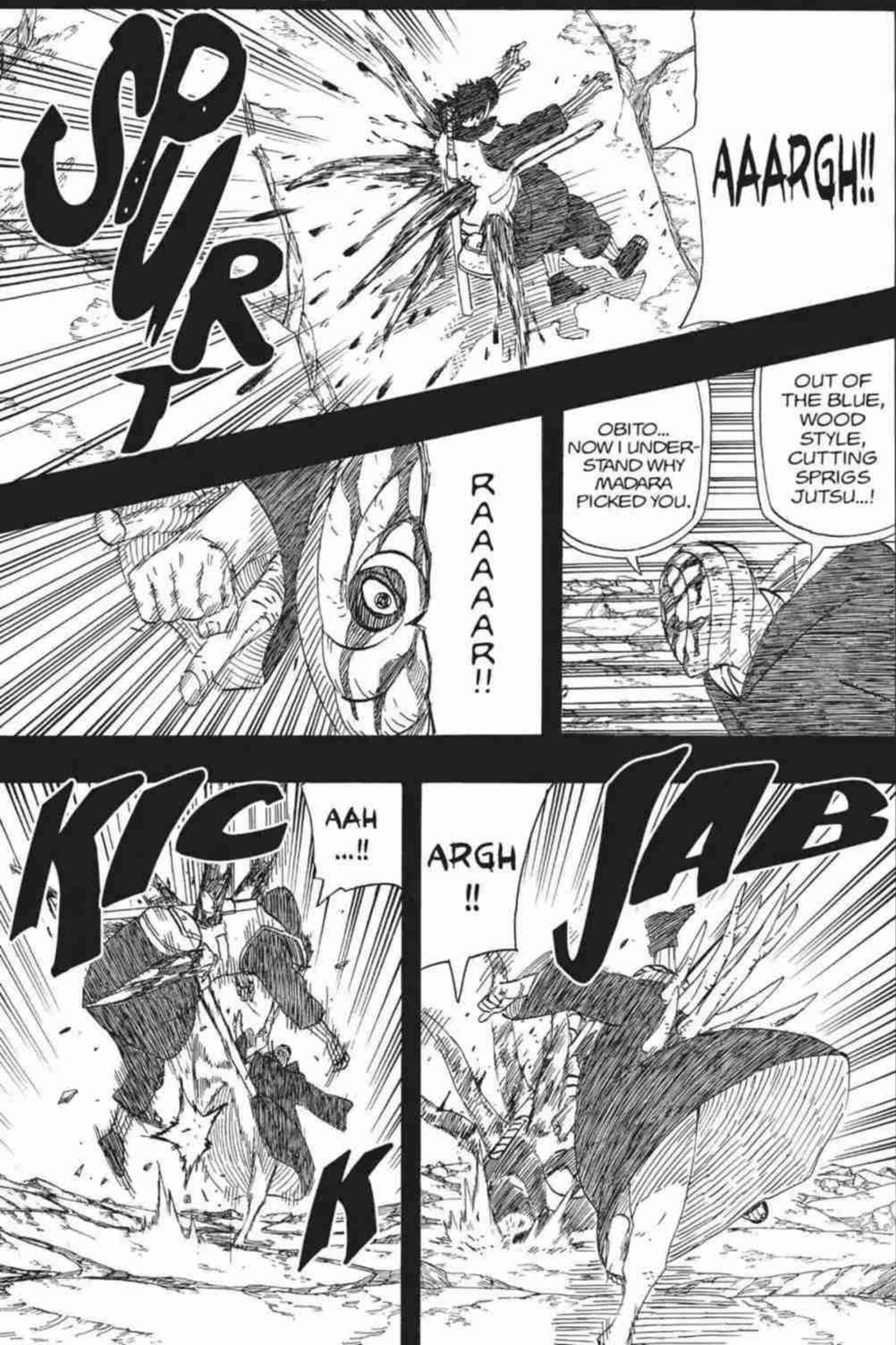
TMP
!

DON'T HAND HER CORPSE OVER TO THE ENEMY!!
WE NEED TO AT LEAST RETRIEVE THE GIRL!

SHOOM
TA-TAK

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

SWOOOOOOO
?!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE! THIS GUY PASSES RIGHT THROUGH YOU!!
WS
FWP
ARGH!!
THOO


SPLAT
AAARGH!!
OUT OF THE BLUE, WOOD STYLE, CUTTING SPRIGS JUTSU...!
OBITO... NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY MADARA PICKED YOU.
RAAAAAR!!
KIC
AAH ...!!
K
ARGH !!
JAB

THO
K
AAAHH!!
RAAAAAA!!
GRAB
KLATTER
ZWOP
GORAA!!!
KRAK BO
...

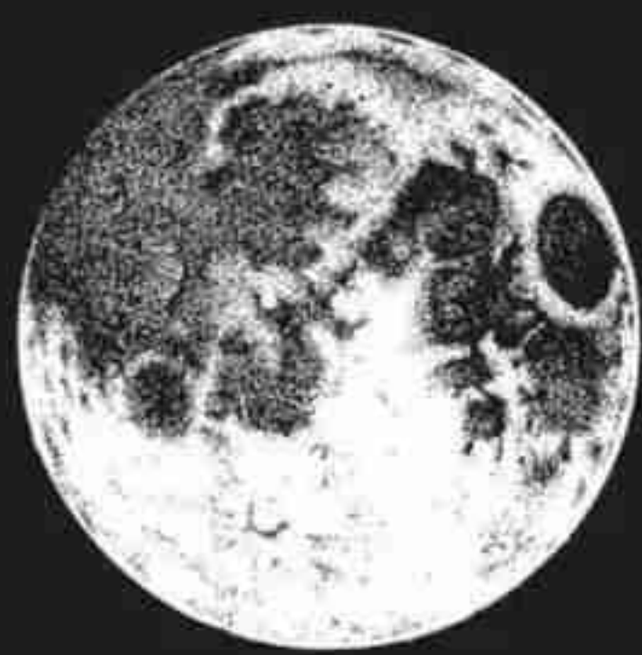
WHAT THE... WHO IS HE...?!

CLOD
SNAP
SNAP

...IN THE WORLD... AM I...?
MUFF
MUFF

MUFF
MUFF

WHERE...
MUFF
MUFF
MUFF
MUFF



SUDDER

RAAAA!!!

SPLCH

I GET IT...

SPLCH

SPLCH

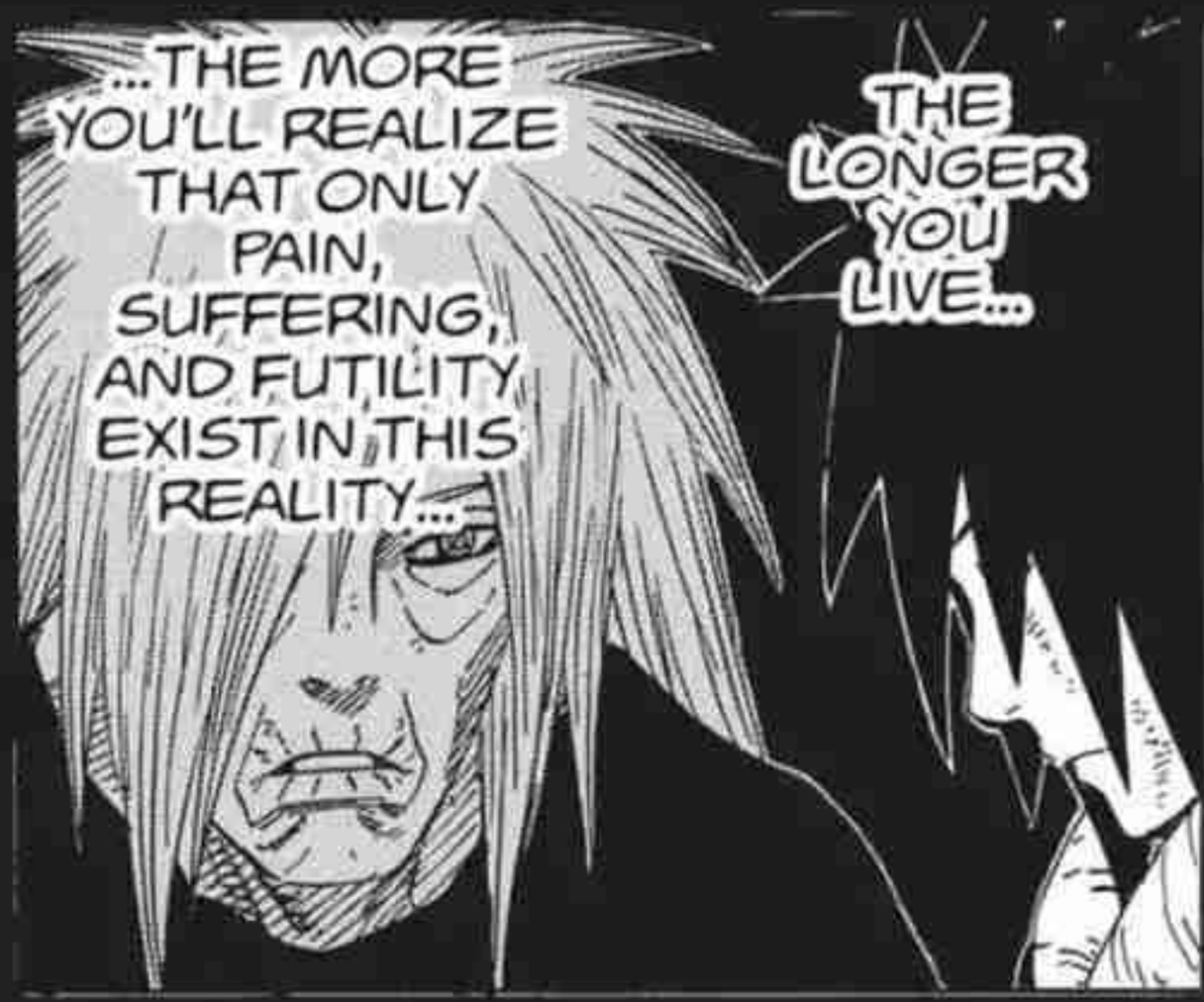
...IN HELL.

KRAK

SPLACH
SPLACH

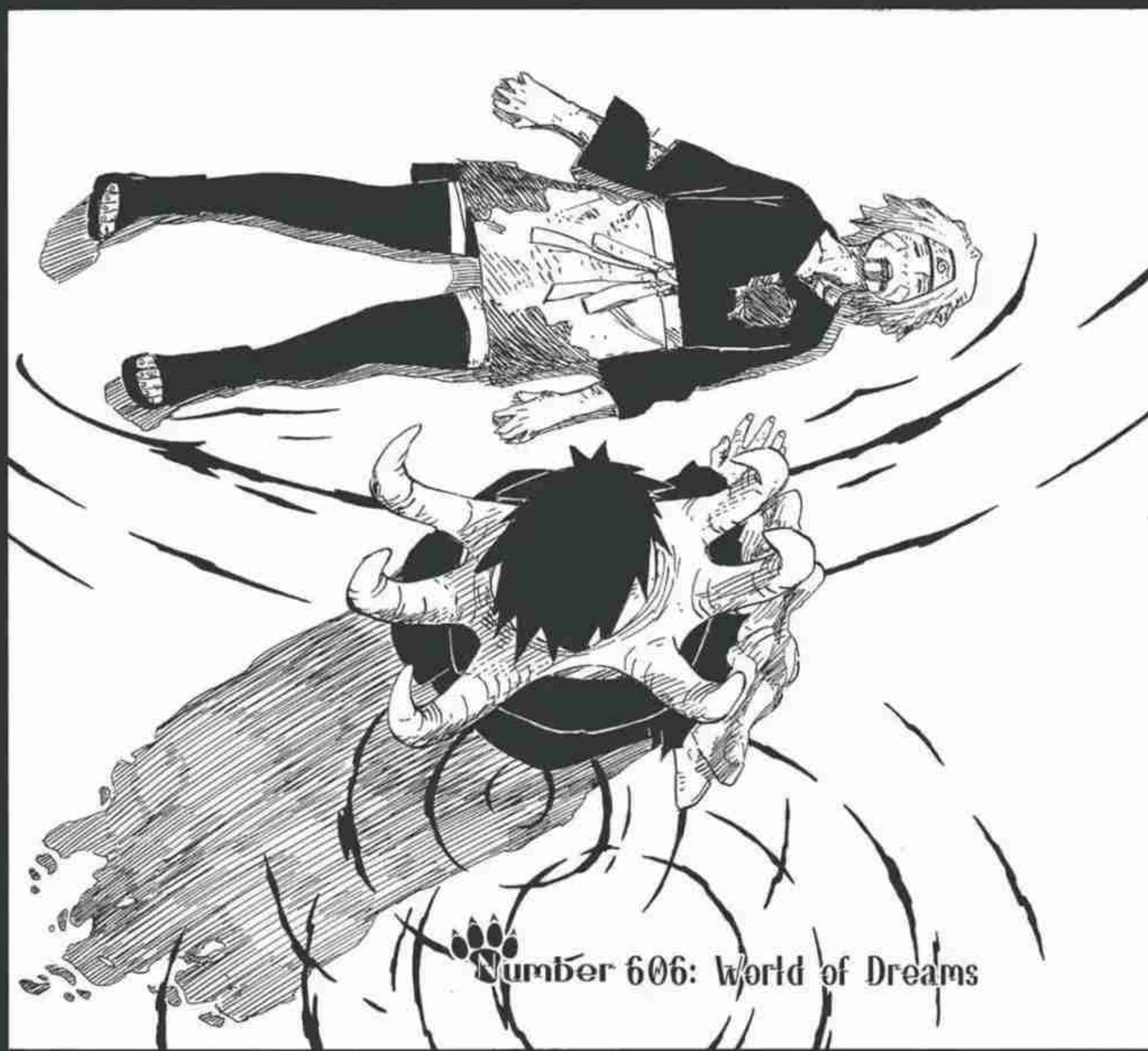
SPLAT

...WHEREVER LIGHT STRIKES, THERE ARE ALWAYS SHADOWS.
LISTEN, EVERY-WHERE IN THIS WORLD...


...THE MORE YOU'LL REALIZE THAT ONLY PAIN, SUFFERING, AND FUTILITY EXIST IN THIS REALITY...
THE LONGER YOU LIVE...

...

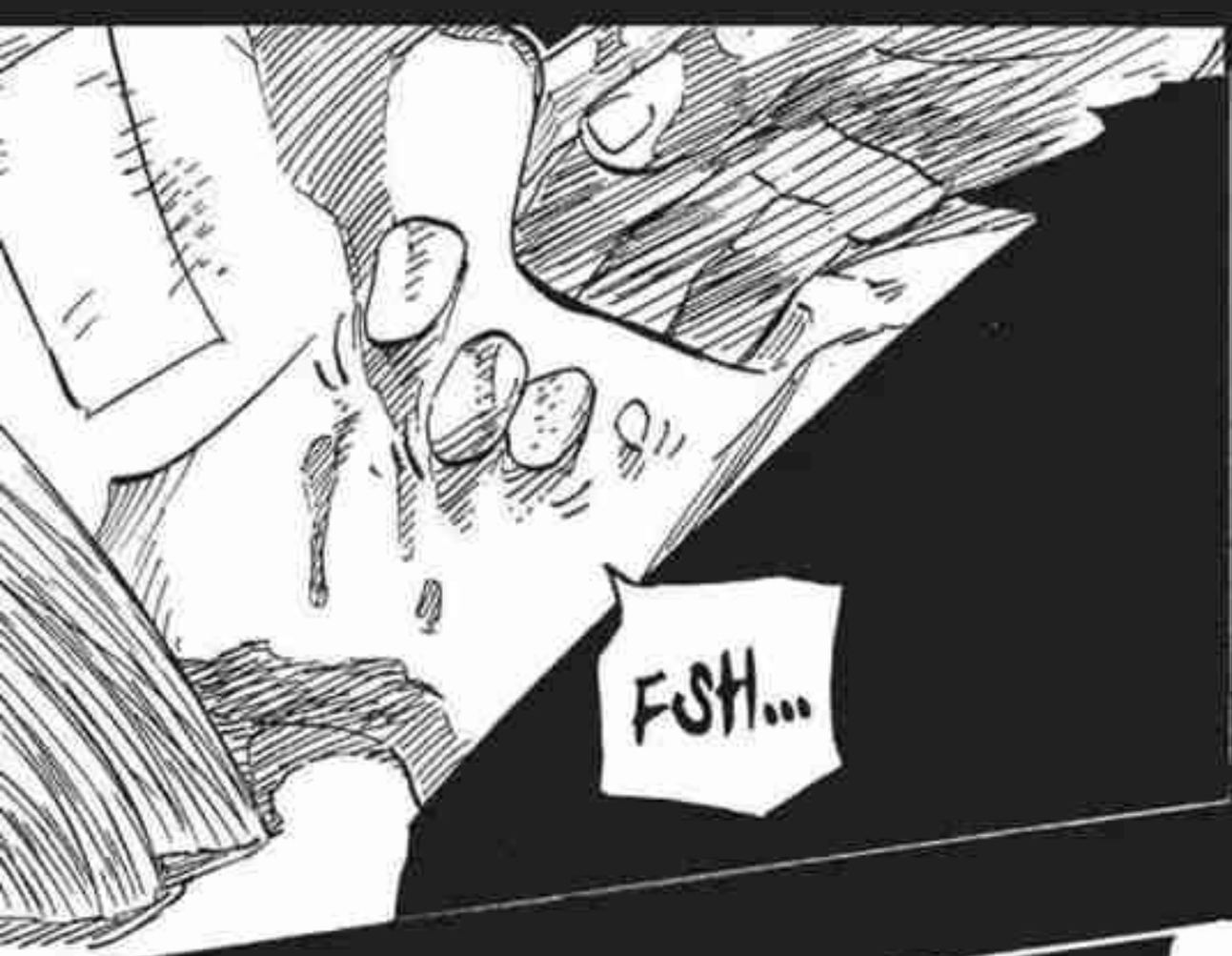
NORMALLY, THAT IS...
THESE ALL ARE NEXUSES, CAUSAL RELATION-SHIPS THAT CANNOT BE SEPARATED...
SPURT



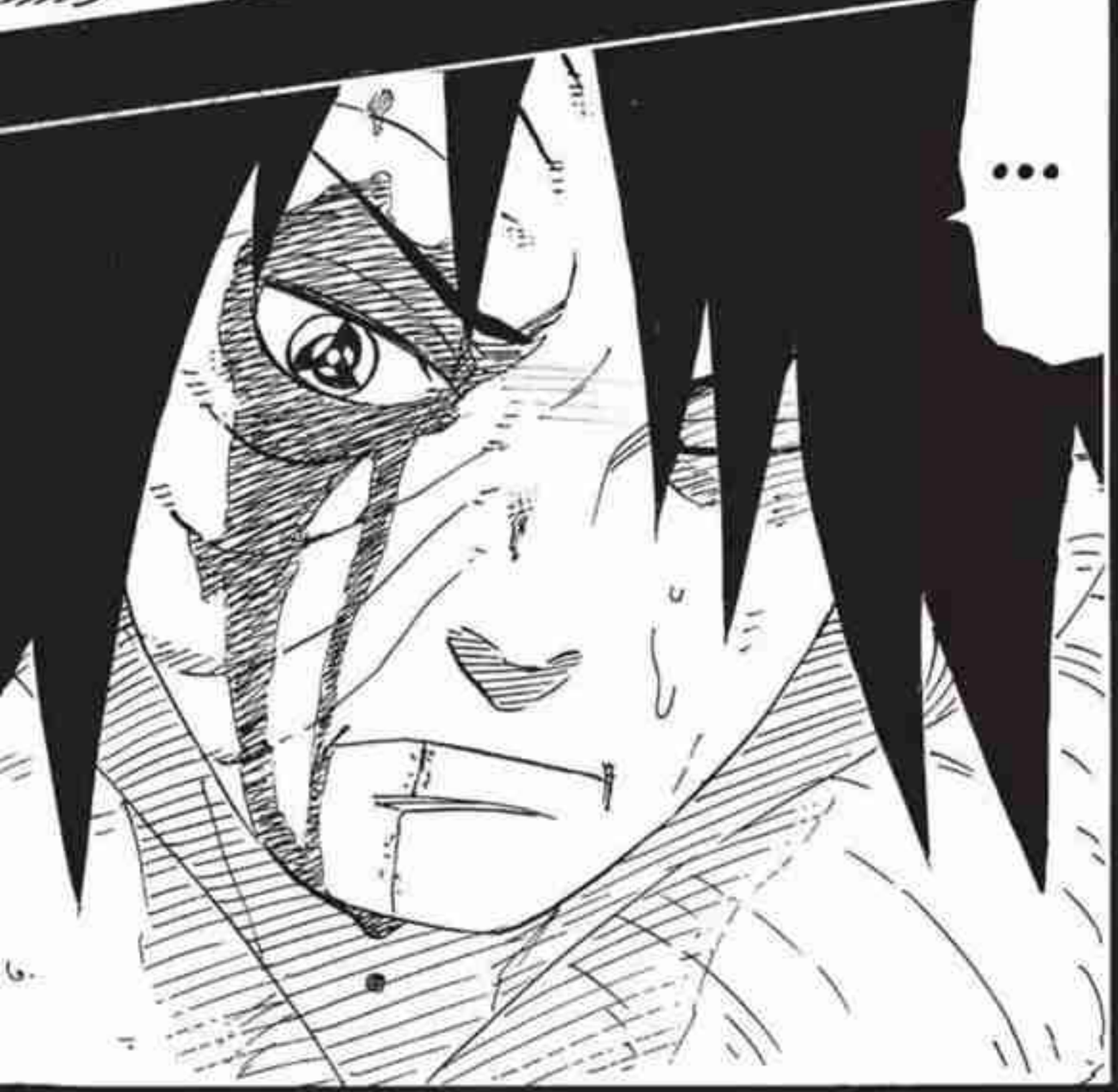
Number 606: World of Dreams

...

TAT...


FSH...

REACH...


...

!
TWITCH

TAT

...SINCE IT'S A DREAM, EVERYTHING IS AS YOU WANT IT!
...

PLIP
PLIP
S'SH...

EVEN THOSE WHO ARE DEAD CAN BE ALIVE AGAIN!
SPLICH

RIN...

A WORLD OF ONLY LOVE.

A WORLD OF ONLY PEACE.

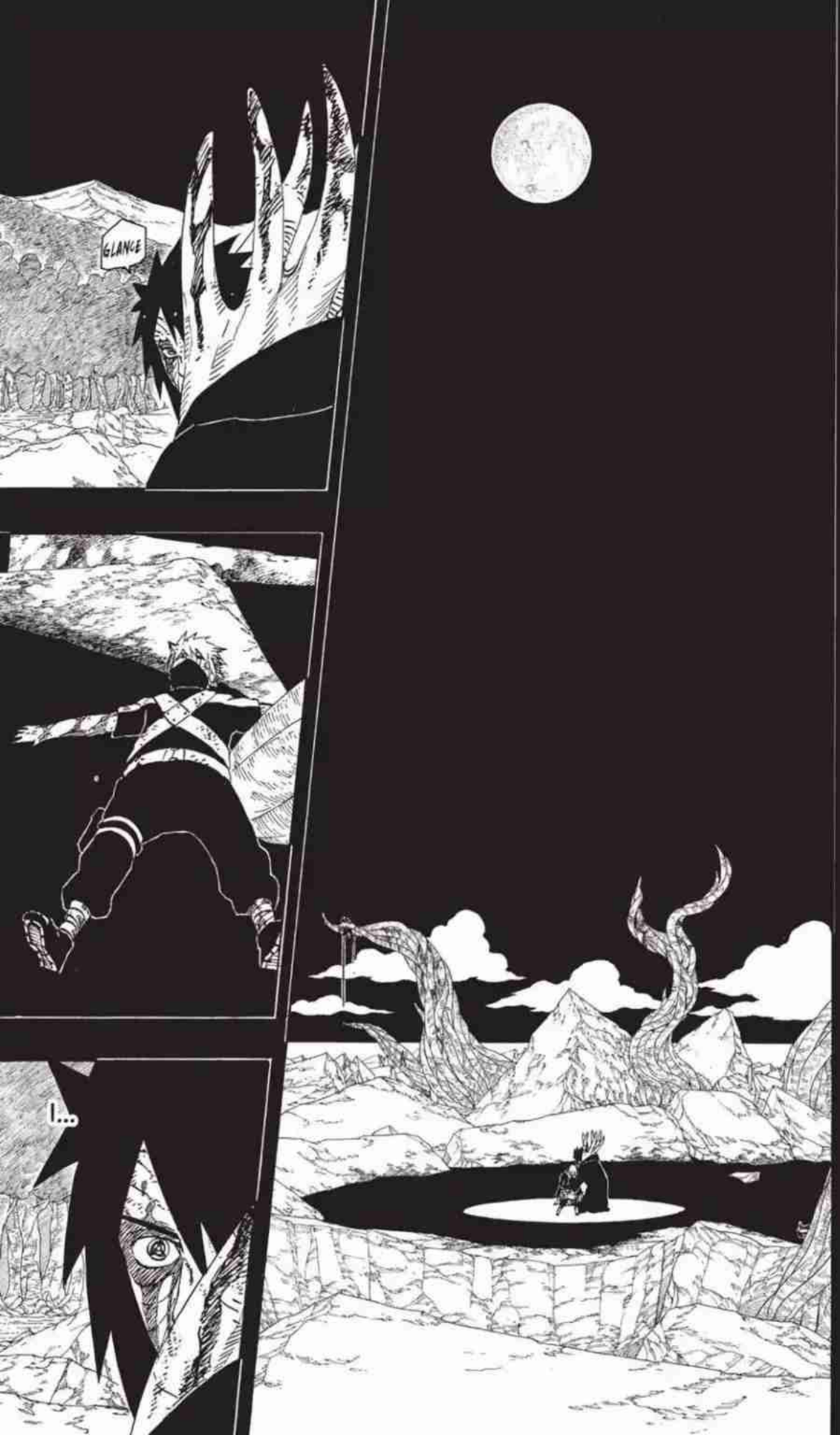
A WORLD OF ONLY VICTORS.

I SHALL CREATE SUCH A WORLD.

LET'S...

DRIP

DRIP


GLANCE
I...

LET'S CREATE A WORLD WHERE YOU EXIST AGAIN.

...SHALL SEVER THE NEXUSES...

ZWP

...OF THIS WORLD!

THAT'S WHY I'VE COME BACK.

AVASSAH

YOU BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN SEEN BY ANYONE.

HEH...

OBITO... SLAUGHTERED ALL OF THE ENEMY, SO WE'RE SAFE.

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW.

WHEN KONOHA'S REINFORCE-MENTS ARRIVED...

...HE WAS SCREAMING, "WHO TOOK DOWN THE ENEMY?!"

BUT KAKASHI DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING ANYWAY...

HE DIDN'T SEEM TO WANT TO KILL KAKASHI THOUGH.

KAKASHI WILL EXIST IN THE WORLD WE'LL CREATE...

IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME ANYMORE WHETHERHE'S ALIVE OR DEAD IN THIS WORLD...

NO... I JUST DIDN'T CARE EITHER WAY.

YOU STILL FELT LOYALTY TO YOUR ERSTWHILE TEAMMATE...?

RIN TOO.

...

GRIN...

JUST COME HERE.

I DON'T NEED YOUR THANKS ANY-MORE...

...MADARA.

SO TEACH ME HOW TO CREATE THIS WORLD OF DREAMS...

STARTING TODAY, YOU SHALL BE THE SAVIOR.

SHIRE

?!

FLASH

DNA

LOOK INTO MY EYE.

SHAKEN

YOU'RE INSIDE MY GENJUTSU.
IT'S STILL A BLANK CANVAS, BUT I CAN PROJECT MY WILL UPON IT AND CREATE WHATEVER I WANT... EVEN CONTROL THEM.
...!
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, SINCE I'M LINKED TO AND BORROWING THE POWER OF THE GEDO STATUE.
LIKE THIS, SEE...?
FSH
WE'LL USE THIS GENJUTSU TO CREATE THE IDEAL WORLD.
AND THEN WE WILL CAST GENJUTSU UPON EVERYONE ELSE AND BRING THEM HERE.
WAFT...
THE SCALE OF THIS JUTSU, THAT OF AN ENTIRE WORLD OF DREAMS, IS ACHIEVED BY USING THE MOON INSTEAD OF OUR EYES...
!
LET ME EXPLAIN... STARTING WITH THE SAGE OF THE SIX PATHS AND TEN TAILS.
SWOOOOO...

CAN YOU SEE THEM? THAT REDHEAD'S EYES?!

THEY'RE MADARA'S ACTUAL EYES...

HE SECRETLY TRANSPLANTED THEM WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING, WHEN THAT BOY WAS VERY SMALL.

SO THOSE ARE MADARA'S RINNEGAN, HUH...

...THAT MY RINNEGAN AWAKENED.

IT WAS WHEN I WAS STARTING TO DIE OF OLD AGE...

I IMPLANTED THEM INTO MY WOUND, BUT AT FIRST, NOTHING HAPPENED.

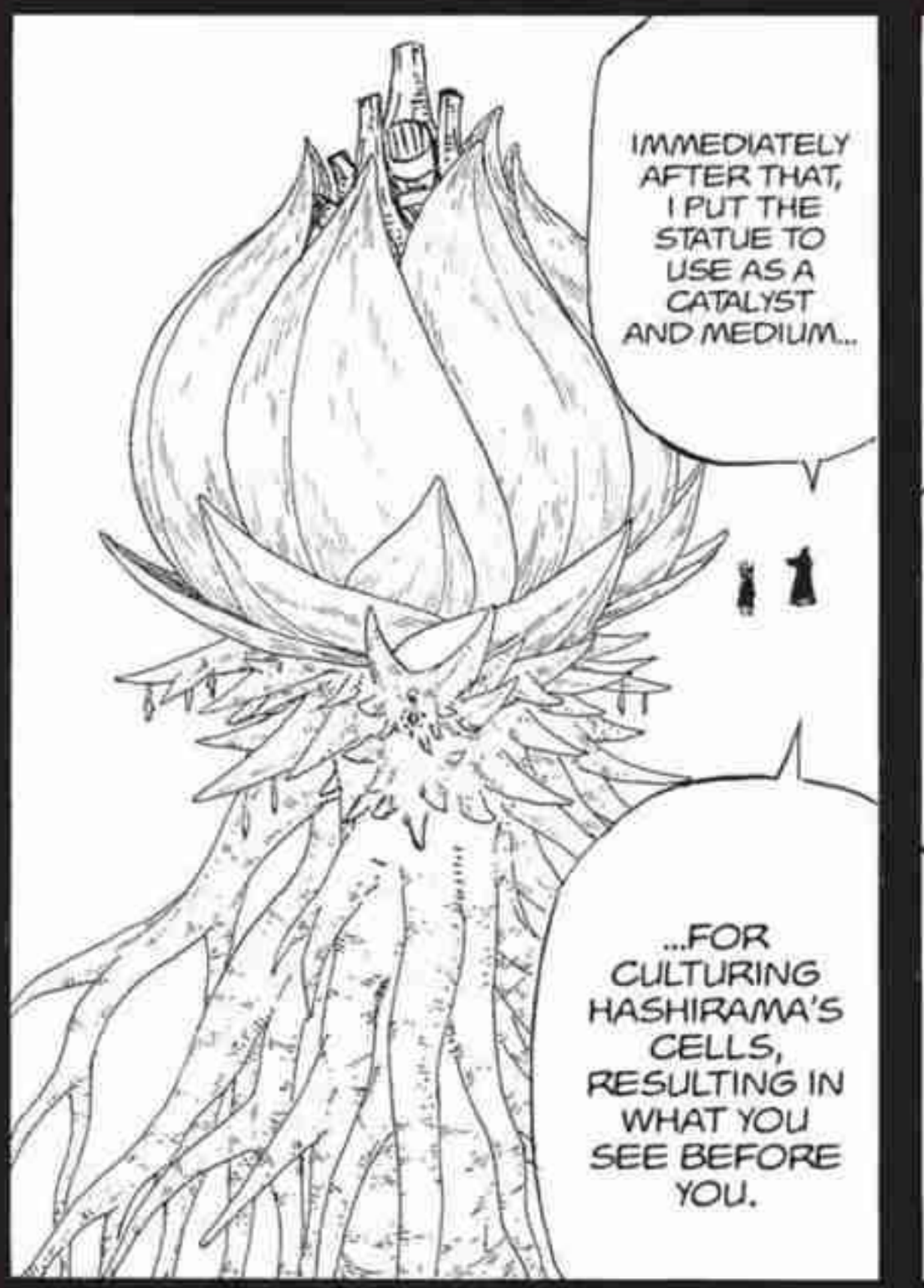
AFTER FIGHTING AND OBTAINING SENJU HASHIRAMA'S CELLS...

AND THE ONLY OTHER PERSON IN ADDITION TO MADARA WHO CAN SUMMON THE GEDO STATUE.

NAGATO IS OF SENJU BLOOD-LINE.

I WAS THEN ABLE TO SUMMON ...
...AND EXTRACT THE HUSK OF TEN TAILS FROM A SEAL-STONE...

AND IT SIMULTANEOUSLY LED TO THE UNDOING OF A CERTAIN SEAL...


IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, I PUT THE STATUE TO USE AS A CATALYST AND MEDIUM...
...FOR CULTURING HASHIRAMA'S CELLS, RESULTING IN WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU.

I CALL IT THE GEDO STATUE.
THE HUSK OF TEN TAILS...?
AND THAT SEAL-STONE IS WHAT YOU KNOW AS THE MOON.

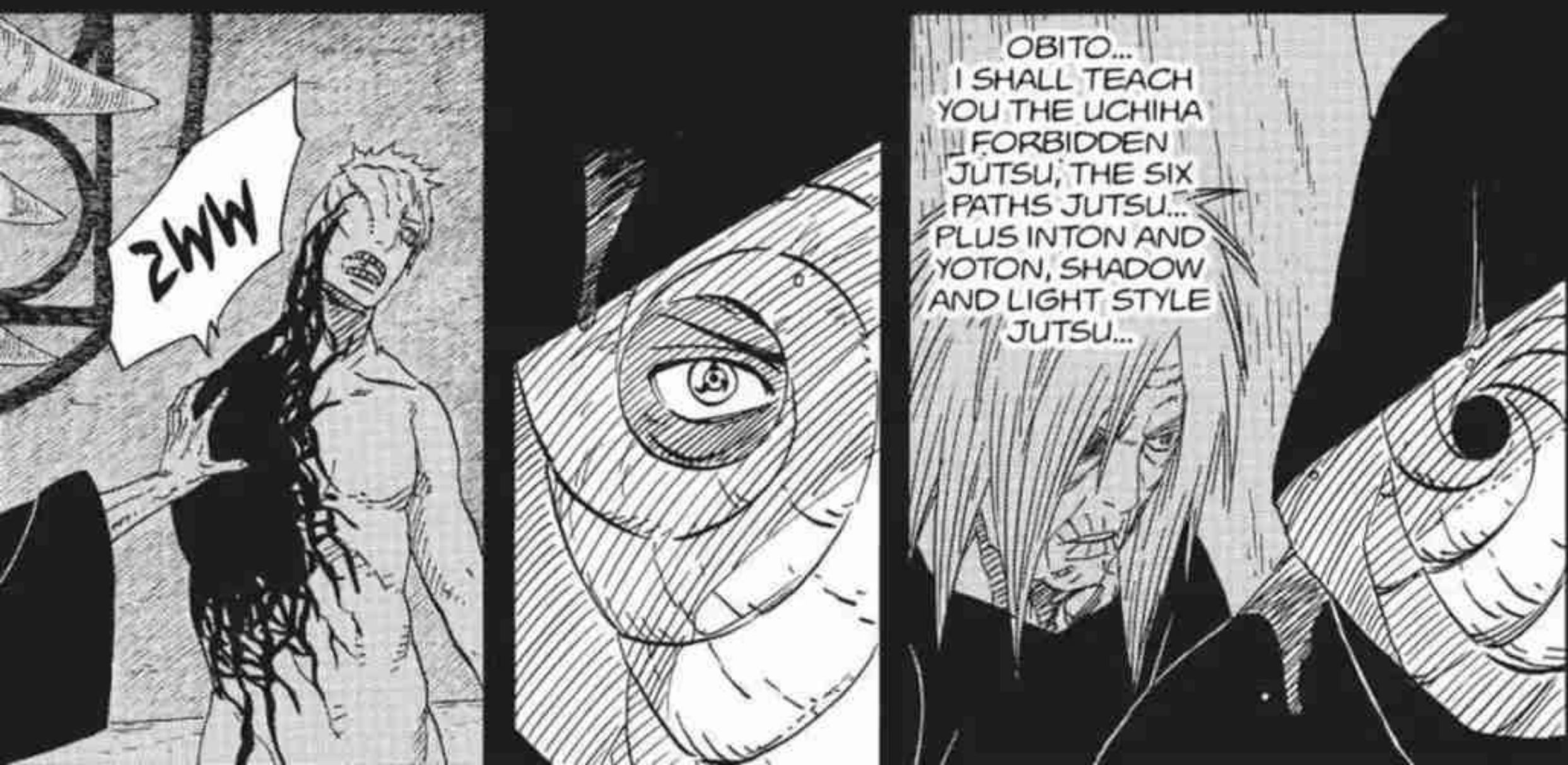
ALTHOUGH THEY'RE QUITE REDUCED IN QUALITY.
ONE COULD SAY THAT THESE ARTIFICIAL BEINGS ARE CLONES OF HASHIRAMA.

EVEN IF YOU NEVER AWAKEN THE RINNEGAN, YOU OUGHT TO EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE STATUE.

YOU HAVE SENJU CELLS ATTACHED TO THE RIGHT HALF OF YOU...

THE RINNEGAN CANNOT BE AWAKENED WITHOUT POSSESSING BOTH UCHIHA AND SENJU POWERS.

AND THE STATUE CANNOT BE EASILY HANDLED.

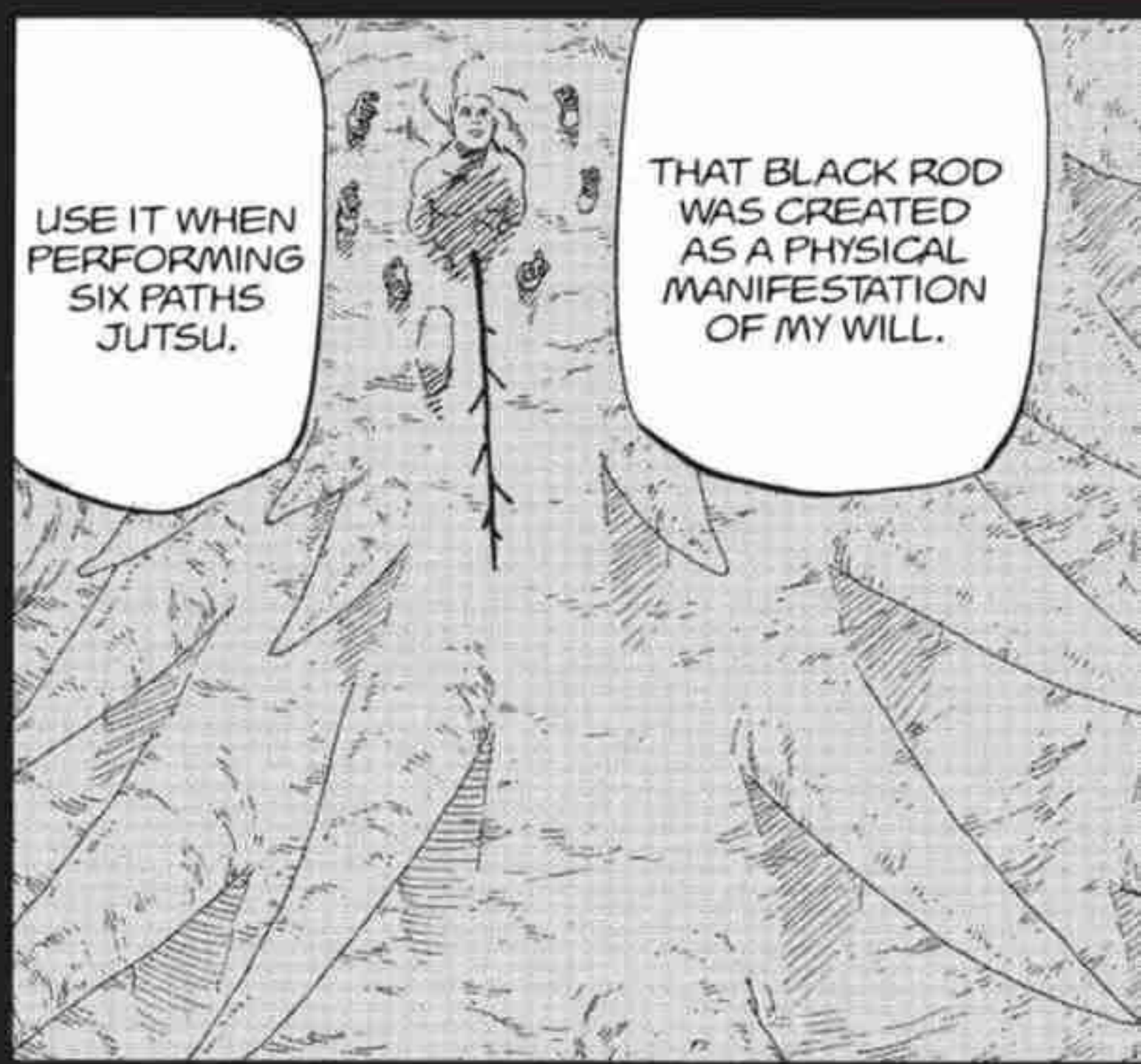


FSH

AHHH...

THOUGH HE'LL BE DEGRADED TOO...
I'VE IMPLANTED MY WILL INTO THIS ONE... THINK OF HIM AS BEING HALF ME.
MMM...
YOU CAN USE THESE BEINGS THAT I CREATED USING SHADOW AND LIGHT STYLE AS YOUR SOLDIERS.

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP


USE IT WHEN PERFORMING SIX PATHS JUTSU.
THAT BLACK ROD WAS CREATED AS A PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF MY WILL.

I AM UCHIHA MADARA.

HUF
HUF
HACK
HUF
PKIDDLE...

SHUP
SHUP

UNTIL... THE TIME WHEN... I WILL BE REVIVED...
...NOW... GO ON...
...YOU SHALL BE...
HUF
HACK

WHO ARE YOU?
...?!

NARUTO

MADARA?

Number 607: It Doesn't Matter to Me

TO GUIDE THOSE WHO AWAKEN IT IS THE MISSION OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH SINCE LONG AGO.

THE RINNE-GAN...

!

YOU'RE...EITHER A CRIMINAL OR A TOTAL IDIOT TO CLAIM UCHIHA MADARA'S NAME...

WHY HAVE YOU APPROACHED US?

...

YOU ARE THE REINCARNATION OF THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS, WHO DREAMED OF WORLD STABILITY AND PEACE.

YOU KNOW ABOUT MY EYES?

...

THAT IS WHY IT AWAKENED *HERE.*

...LEAVING YOUR SMALL COUNTRY'S VILLAGE IN THEIR SHADOW AND DYING.

ONLY THE VILLAGES OF LARGE NATIONS ARE SHOWERED IN LIGHT...

SO LONG AS THERE IS A CONCEPT OF VICTORS... THE VANQUISHED WILL ALSO SIMILARLY EXIST.

WHEREVER LIGHT STRIKES, THERE ARE ALWAYS SHADOWS.

...

NORMALLY, THAT IS...

THESE ALL ARE NEXUSES, CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT CANNOT BE SEPARATED ...

...AND HATRED IS BORN IN ORDER TO PROTECT LOVE.

THE SELFISH INTENT OF WANTING TO PRESERVE PEACE INITIATES WARS...

IF YOU ALLOW US TO COLLABORATE, YOU CAN LEARN HOW.

SUCH A WORLD CAN BE CREATED TOO!

BUT A WORLD OF JUST VICTORS, PEACE, AND LOVE.

NOW...

...YOUR VERY OWN WORLD CAN BE ACTUALIZED IMMEDIATELY.

AS SOON AS YOU ATTAIN THE RINNEGAN'S TRUE POWER...

YOU JUST WANT TO USE US, NO?

YOUR OFFER SOUNDS WAY TOO CONVENIENT...

...

!

SHUP

THANKS BUT NO CAN DO.

NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

IN MUTUAL UNDER-STANDING.

YOU MEAN IN REVENGE?

SHED TEARS ALONG-SIDE THEM, EH...

...THE TRUE WORLD AFTER KNOWING ANOTHER'S PAIN AND SHEDDING TEARS ALONGSIDE THEM.

ONE CAN ONLY REACH...

LET'S GO, KONAN, NAGATO.

THESE GUYS AREN'T TRUST-WORTHY!

SHUP

NO SUCH THING EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.

COME NOW, DON'T YOU SPOUT SUCH GRANDIOSE NOTIONS.

I'LL WAIT HERE, AT THE SAME TIME EACH DAY...

...!

FUSH...

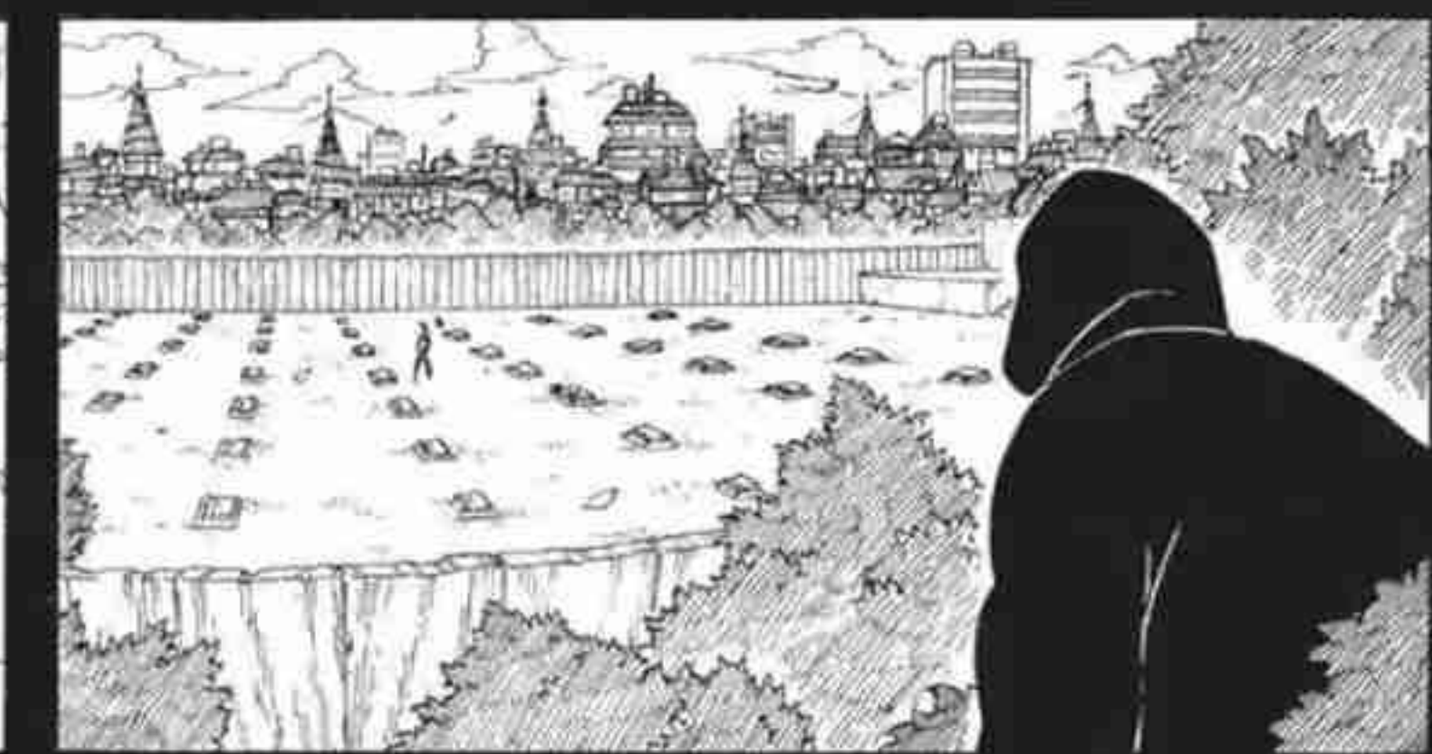
DON'T YOU DARE APPROACH US AGAIN.

YOU'LL EVENTUALLY...

...REALIZE IT TOO.

THOUGH YOU PROBABLY WON'T CATCH ON TO MY TRUE PLAN...

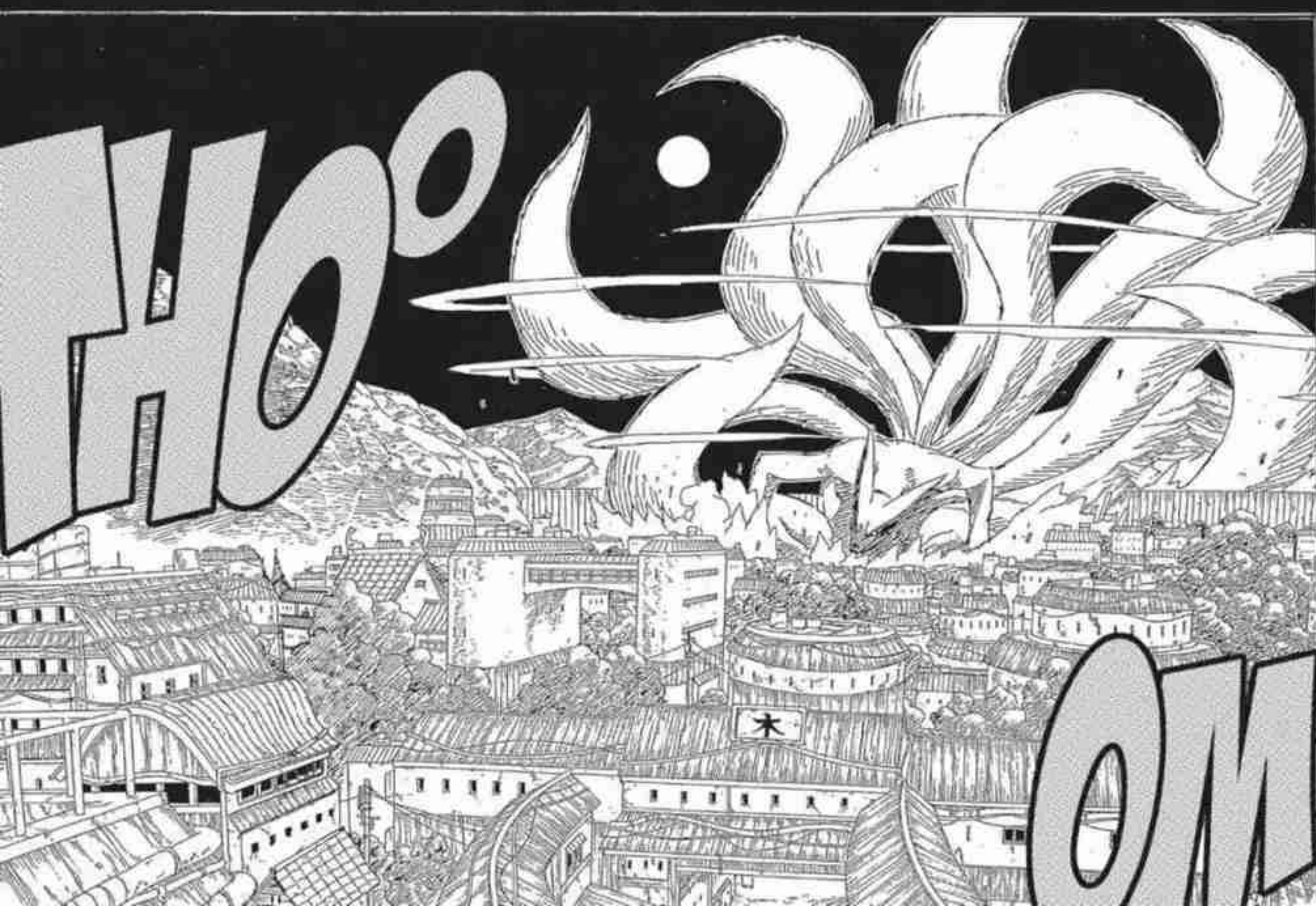
*GRAVESTONE: NOHARA RIN



KUCHIYOSE
SUMMONING...!

FLAFF

SNATCH
TMP


HOOOO
OM

TH-TH-THOOM...
TMP

WE'VE BEEN WAITING.
SO YOU'RE OBITO.
FINALLY GOT HERE, EH...
YOU'RE LATE, OBITO!

YOU'RE SUPER-LATE!
WE'RE DONE WITH SELF-INTRODUCTIONS... OTHER THAN YOURS.
JUST IN TIME...
HACK
HUF

AND I'M GONNA GET MY TRADEMARK GOGGLES AND MY SHARINGAN CARVED INTO MY MOUNTAINSIDE IMAGE!
THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO GLARE AT THE OTHER VILLAGES!!
I'M FUTURE HOKAGE UCHIHA OBITO!!

BESIDES WHICH, YOU CAN'T CARVE SHARINGAN IN IF YOU'RE WEARING GOGGLES!

PUT IN THAT REQUEST AFTER YOU MAKE HOKAGE AND AWAKEN THE SHARINGAN, FOOL...

THEN IT'LL LOOK LIKE YOUR EYES ARE BURSTING OUT OF YOUR FACE... HEE HEE!

THEY CAN CARVE THEM IN FRONT OF THE GOGGLES!

...THAT THEY WON'T EVER TRY TO ATTACK US!

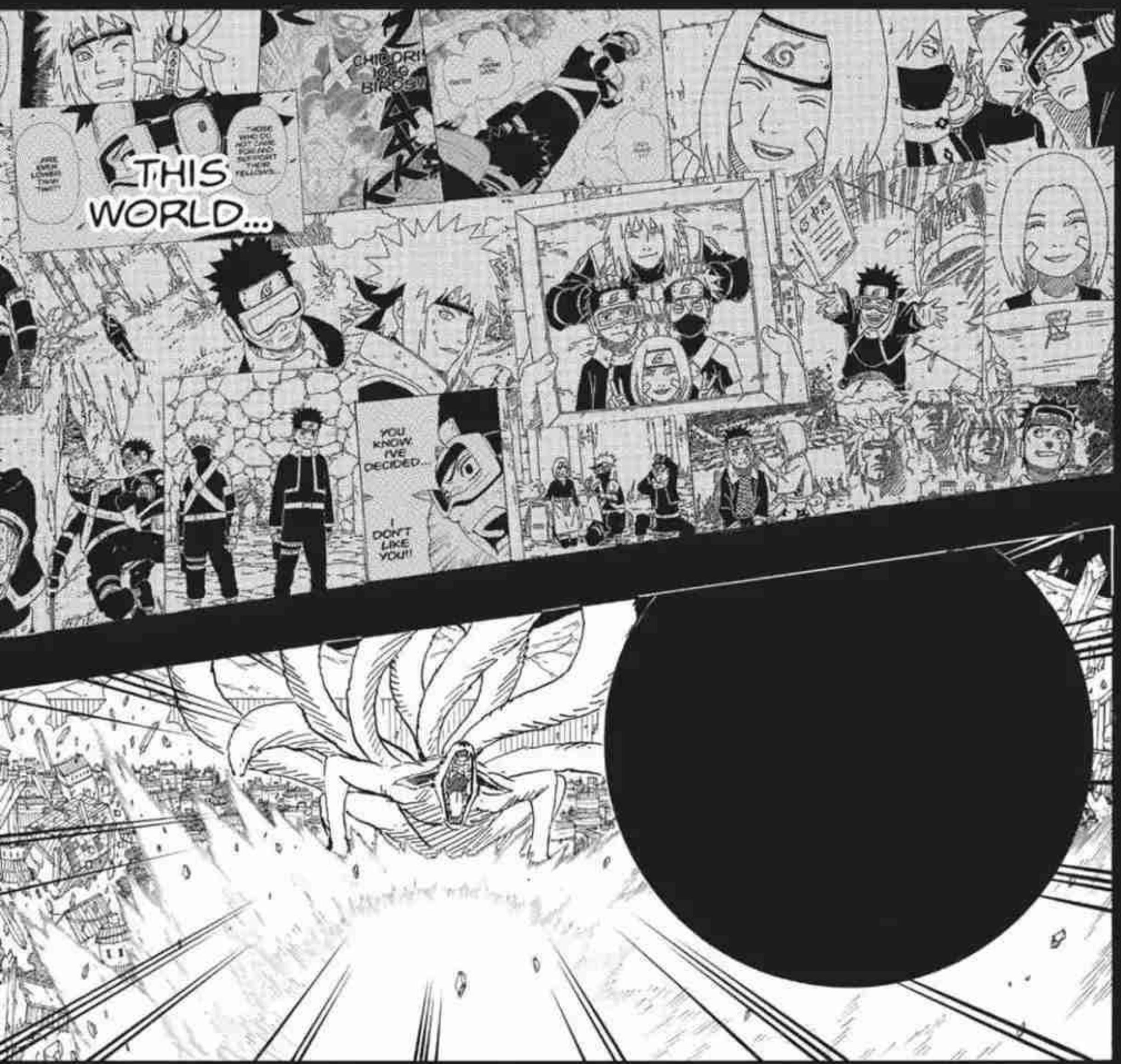
MY SHARINGAN-DECORATED STONE VISAGE WILL SCARE THEM SO MUCH...

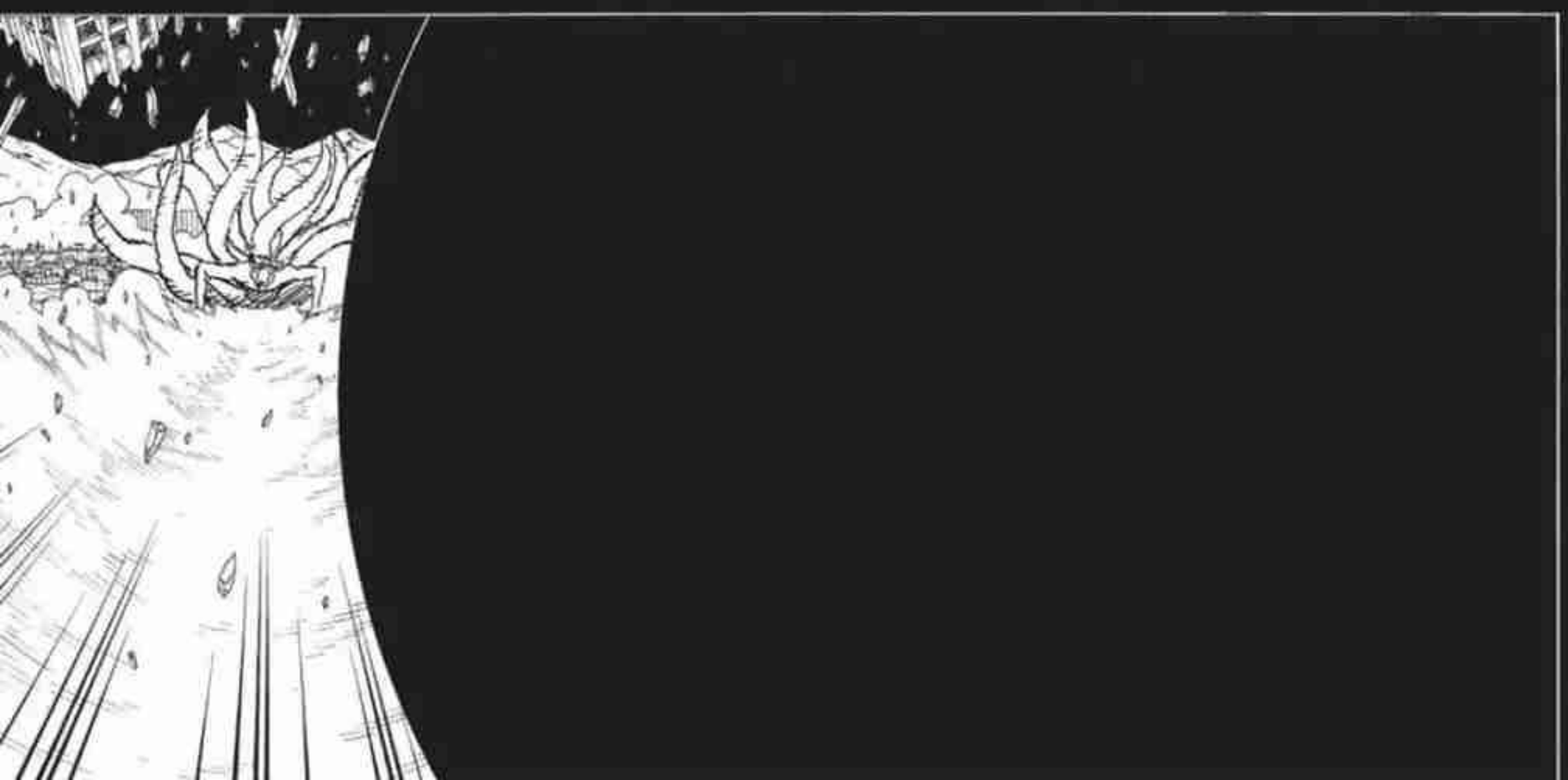
SIGH...

YEAH!!

I'M MINATO, YOUR SUPERIOR STARTING TODAY. NICE TO MEET YOU!

IN ANY CASE, I'M HAPPY TO HAVE A SUBORDINATE WHO SHARES THE SAME DREAM AS ME.


THIS WORLD...
CHIDORI 1000 BIRDS!
YOU KNOW, I'VE DECIDED...
I DON'T LIKE YOU!!



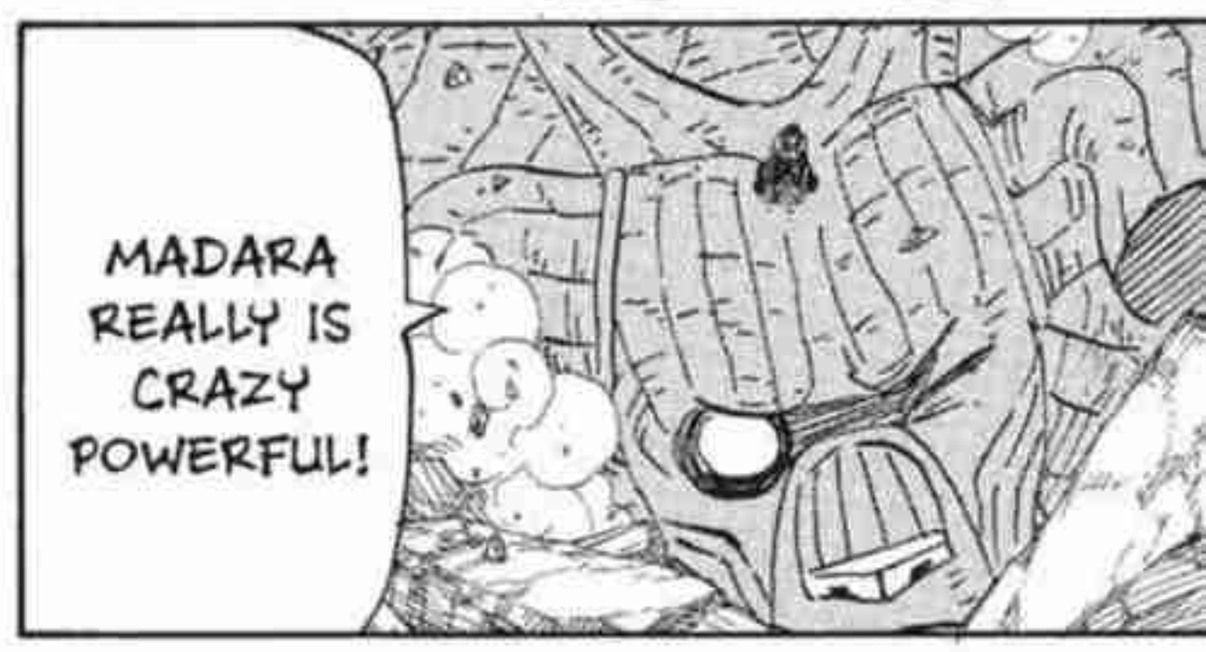
...DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.

BOOM
GGG
GGGG
YOU AIN'T GETTING YOUR WAY, DIMWIT!!
I'M THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S SON, YOU KNOW!!!

FSH
I'LL WARN YOU THAT I CAN'T HOLD BACK WITH THIS.
I SEE...
I WAS TAKING IT EASY ON YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ACTUAL JINCHURIKI, NOT A CLONE...
I AIN'T FALLING FOR YOUR TALK!!

THIS IS HASHIRAMA'S WOODEN DRAGON, WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY USED TO HOLD DOWN MY NINE TAILS.
THO-O-O-O-O-O-O

YOUR TOUGH GUY ACT IS CRAZY SOLID...
GOFF!!
DRIBBLE...
THAT'S WHAT MAKES HIM... A WORTHY OPPONENT...


MADARA REALLY IS CRAZY POWERFUL!

TAK

SINCE YOU'RE DEAD ANYWAY !!
I AIN'T HOLDING BACK AGAINST A ZOMBIE, NEITHER!!
ZWOOO

100%

I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU.

THP

CHOMP

ALL THAT'S LEFT...

FSH

...IS THIS FINAL BATTLE!!

...

WHY ALLY WITH SOMEONE LIKE MADARA ?!

WHY ?!

TM

P

JUMPSCH